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THE PRAYER BOOK REVISION.

CRITICAL SESSION OF ASSEMBLY.

LORD HUGH CECIL: "CHURCH ALONE, COMPETENT."

PLEA FOR RESTRAINT.

London, Feb. 6.

One of the most fateful and most critical sessions in the history of the Church Assembly began in the Church House at Westminster, to-day, to decide on the form of the amended Prayer Book.

The Assembly consists of 43 representatives of the House of Bishops, 318 members of the clergy, and 352 of the Church laity. The public galleries were packed to overflowing.

The Session was opened by the Archbishop of Canterbury, in reporting the fate of the original proposals which were approved by the Assembly last year.

Bishop Withdraws Support.

The Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, the Rt. Rev. Walter G. Whittingham, D.D., said that although he had supported the Prayer Book Measure which the House of Commons had rejected, he was unable to support the amendments now suggested, which, he said, still contained the Reservation provisions which were certain to be again rejected by the House of Commons.

Lord Cecil's Interruptions.

Lord Hugh Cecil, who insisted that the Church, and not Parliament, was alone competent to determine things spiritual, was constantly interrupted.

The Archbishop of York appealed to the Assembly to exercise self-restraint.

The three Houses of the Assembly will sit to-morrow separately to discuss the new measure.

The New Proposals.

The new Prayer Book measure as forecasted by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, was recently published. The changes are chiefly in the matter of wording in order to remove possible misunderstanding. This is notably in regard to the reservation of the sacrament and powers of the episcopate.

An explanatory note by the Archbishops said that the changes might seem few but they must not be thought unimportant in view of the stress laid thereon by critics. Furthermore it should be understood that the measure was not necessarily final. It requires the approval of the House of Parliament, the bishops, clergy and laity.

Tribute To Primate.

London, Feb. 6.

The Church Assembly met to-day to consider the return to Parliament, in an amended form, on the revised Prayer Book, which the House of Commons recently rejected.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who presided, was celebrating the 25th anniversary of his primacy, and when he entered there was a burst of applause, the whole Assembly rising in greeting.

The Archbishop of York, paying a tribute to the Archbishop of Canterbury, pointed out that he had served for a longer period than any of the predecessors for over 400 years. He spoke eloquently of Doctor Davidson's single-minded, wise and beneficent rule of the Church and of the admiration, trust and affection which the whole Church had towards him.

Golden Wedding.

The Archbishop of York announced that a committee had been appointed in order that some special personal token might be presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury in this outstanding year, in which, incidentally, he would also celebrate his golden wedding.—British Wireless.

DOUBLE CANTON EXECUTION.

"RED" LEADER AND WIFE SHOT TOGETHER.

BLAMED FOR PLOTS.

The "Red" leader, Chau Man-yung, who was arrested by the Canton police a few days ago and subsequently revealed the plot for a second coup, was, with his wife, executed yesterday afternoon, at three o'clock, by order of the Commander of the Garrison Troops in Canton, General Tang Shi-chang.

The edict of the Commander declared that the culprit was arrested and found guilty of organising a second Communist coup in Canton and that the authorities had sentenced him to be shot.

The edict added that it had also been revealed that the prisoner was not only one of the Communist leaders of the Soviet Government in Canton last December, but that he was one of the chief directors of the "Red" troops during the latter's reign of terror in the city.

A detachment of Garrison troops accompanied the prisoner and his wife to the East Parade Ground where, in the presence of a few hundred interested spectators, the couple were shot at the same time.

REMARKABLE GIFT TO NATION.

ANONYMOUS £500,000 FOR NATIONAL DEBT.

TREASURY WINDFALL.

London, Feb. 6.

A benefaction, officially described as being of an unprecedented character, has been anonymously made to H.M. Treasury in the shape of a sum of £500,000.

The condition attaching to the Treasury windfall is that it shall be held in trust for the nation to accumulate over a long period of years and must ultimately be applied to the reduction of the National Debt.

The donation has been lodged with the well-known bankers, Messrs. Baring Brothers, through whom Mr. Winston Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has warmly thanked the benefactor.—Reuter.

INDIAN AGITATION SEQUEL.

MR. BANNERJEE'S PLANS FRUSTRATED.

Calcutta, Feb. 6.

Members of the National Congress in the Bengal Legislative Council have decided not to attend the meeting of the Council commencing to-morrow.

This action, incidentally, has frustrated the plan of the prominent Congressite, Mr. Bannerjee to move an adjournment of the House to discuss the "unnecessary violence" of the police on February 3rd.—Reuter.

COURT CIRCULAR.

H.M. THE QUEEN SUFFERING WITH A COLD.

London, Feb. 7.

It has been announced from Buckingham Palace that as H.M. The Queen has been suffering from a cold of late, it is considered inadvisable that she attend the State Opening of Parliament to-day.—Reuter.

TRITATION PACT SIGNED.

Washington, Feb. 6.

The Arbitration Treaty between the United States and France, renouncing war as an instrument of national policy, was signed to-day.—Reuter.

Rome, Feb. 6.

M. Kirski, the new Soviet Ambassador of Italy, has arrived.—Reuter.

SCOTTISH MOURN EARL HAIG.

REMARKABLE SCENES AT EDINBURGH.

QUEUE FOUR ABREAST AND MILE LONG.

BURIAL UNDER SKY.

London, Feb. 6.

Since Saturday morning a continuous stream of mourners has passed the body of Earl Haig lying in state in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh.

When the doors of the Cathedral should have been closed yesterday afternoon at five o'clock, there was a queue of people, four abreast and a mile long, and it was decided necessary to keep the cathedral open until ten o'clock.

The public will be admitted again this evening until the same late hour.

To-morrow the late Field Marshal's remains will be conveyed to Dryburgh Abbey for burial in the family grave.

After a special service in the Cathedral, the coffin will be taken on a gun-carriage and escorted by troops to Waverley station.

The troops will consist of two squadrons of the Royal Scots Greys and the 2nd Battalion of the Cameron Highlanders with the pipe band and an escort of the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

Gun Salute and Farm Cart.

As the special train leaves the station with the body, a salute of nineteen minute guns will be fired from Edinburgh Castle. When the train arrives at the station near Dryburgh Abbey, the body will be transferred to a farm cart and escorted to the Abbey by employees of the late Field Marshal.

The service at the Abbey will be of a non-military character, but at the close, the pipers of the Cameron Highlanders will play the ancient Scottish dirge, "Flowers of the Forest," and buglers will sound the Last Post. Two minutes' silence will follow, and then Reveille will be sounded.

Druid Temple.

Dryburgh Abbey was once a temple where the Druids worshipped. It has long been a ruin and Earl Haig's body will lie under green turf which is open to the sky. The position of the grave is by the broken wall of the north transept. Once a year only, is a service held in the Abbey and the late Earl Haig often read the lesson on these occasions.—British Wireless.

Garrison of Macao's Sympathy.

The following is a translation of a message of condolence of the Garrison in Macao, forwarded to His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, by His Excellency the Governor of Macao:

"Headquarters of the Army, 1st Division.
"Most Excellent Sir,—From the military garrison of Macao many officers and soldiers participated in the Great War, and a few of them belonging to the Portuguese Expeditionary Corps from 1916 to 1918, had the honour to serve in Flanders under the orders of the illustrious Field Marshal, Sir Douglas Haig.

"The loss which the British Army has suffered in the death of such a great chief is felt by the military garrison of this Colony who, through me, wishes to bring to the knowledge of Your Excellency the expression of their condolence and the high regard which will always be felt for the memory of such an illustrious Field Marshal as Sir Douglas Haig."

SEAMEN'S UNION.

MANY ARRESTS MADE AT PAKKAL.

Pakkal, Feb. 6.

Recent events here have led to the declaration that the Seamen's Union activities are illegal, and, as a result, many members have been arrested. They are now being detained in Kongmoon City.—Naval Wireless.

INDIAN ASSEMBLY SENSATION.

GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINS.

RESERVE BANK BILL.

New Delhi, Feb. 6.

Sir Basil Blackett, addressing the Assembly on the Reserve Bank Bill, said the Government bowed to the ruling of the chair with regard to the new Bill.

He explained that the Government was not aware that its proposal to proceed with the new Bill would be regarded as irregular. The new Bill was published to enable the people to be acquainted with the Government's proposals.

The Government, he added, was not prepared to abandon the attempt to create a Reserve Bank without first enabling the Legislature to decide whether it wished to secure an establishment on sound lines.

The old Bill will accordingly be considered this week.—Reuter.

Dramatic Scene.

On Monday last, Mr. V. J. Patel, the president of the Assembly, refused to call on Sir Basil Blackett to introduce the new Reserve Bank Bill, on the ground that it violated

HOIPING SEIZED BY "REDS."

A Possible Threat To Kongmoon.

News has been received in the Colony to the effect that the "Red" Army has succeeded in capturing the big city of Hoiping, which is situated south of Kongmoon.

Hoiping is the capital of a big district of that name, and its seizure by the "Reds" is expected to place Kongmoon in danger of attack from the same forces.

The propriety of the House, and was an abuse of privilege while the last Session's bill was not withdrawn.

The terms of the revised Gold Standard and Reserve Bank Bill was published recently, under which no person will be allowed to hold shares worth more than 20,000 rupees, and the total dividend will not exceed seven per cent.

AN OBSTRUCTIONIST.

DEAF-MUTE SAYS HE IS ALSO ILLITERATE.

A deaf-mute, who was taken into custody yesterday for stealing a pair of spectacles, endeavoured to put further obstacles in the way of the prosecution by stating to Major C. Willson this morning that he was illiterate, and could not understand the purport of the charge shown to him to read.

The prosecuting police officer, however, stated that all this was mere pretence. The man was able to write his name in answer to the written charge.

Accordingly, when sentence of six weeks' hard labour was inflicted by his Worship, this was written on a piece of paper and shown to the defendant.

SUMATRA MINE DISASTER.

EUROPEAN AMONG MANY KILLED.

Batavia, Jan. 31.

Five broke out in one of the Savani Leont coal mines on the west coast of Sumatra.

Fifty-nine persons were at work in the mines and of this number 38 were suffocated.

The bodies of five native policemen, the mine-overser, Mr. R. Purvis, and three coolies have already been found.

CHANGE AT KRAKATAU.

Batavia, Jan. 30.

The activities at Krakatau have changed since Saturday. Stones are no longer being thrown up, the emission being confined to gas.

THE BREAK WITH RUSSIA.

MME. SUN'S LATEST OUTBURST.

DENIAL OF FORCED STAY IN MOSCOW.

CHIANG DENOUNCED.

The Tass News Agency has issued the text of an exchange of telegrams between Mme. Sun Yat-sen and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek regarding the rupture of relations with the Soviet. It may be recalled that Chiang Kai-shek, in his reply to Mme. Sun's reproaches, suggested that she was acting under duress, and urged her to return to China to learn the state of affairs for herself. The second message from Mme. Sun, is published by Tass as follows:

"My sojourn in Moscow, in the heart of the world's revolutionary forces, is an act of my own free will, as the fact of my arrival here is a protest against the counter-revolutionary policies of the Kuomintang's leaders.

"Sheer Insinuation."

"The suggestion that I have been prompted to act under pressure is a sheer insinuation which indicates your groundless suspiciousness, which is hindering your thinking rightly and is leading you to fatal decisions. Your suggestion that I could give my opinion in person reminds me of my recent 'Hankow' experience. Not only has my declaration been destroyed but the members of the Kuomintang who have printed it have been cruelly persecuted. This is the cause of my not answering your telegrams. I am against the severance of relations with the only anti-imperialist power, because I regard it as my duty to give warning in the decisive question which concerns every honest nationalist. I do not know whether the demand to break off relations with the U.S.S.R. is decided by you or is the decision of the foul elements which surround you and of whom you always complain, but whom you now allow to ruin you finally.

"Accomplice of Imperialists."

"This exchange of telegrams shows the fallacy of exchange of views between us, as we are separated by a yawning abyss of different opinions. The maintenance of friendship with the U.S.S.R. was the policy firmly expressed in Sun Yat-sen's will. You wish to sever from the U.S.S.R. but you do not intend to sever relations with Imperialistic countries. The institution which at the present time is assuming the title of Executive Committee of the Kuomintang is the accomplice of the Imperialists and maintains close relations with the chiefs of punitive expedition corps which have been despatched to China as though to a Colonial country.

"If I decide to return to China it will be only with the aim to join in the struggle of the peasants and workers for whose well-being Sun Yat-sen gave away 40 years of his life, and who are being destroyed and killed by the bestial reaction, which is hiding itself insolently behind the Kuomintang. The revolution was carried to its great heights by our never-to-be-forgotten leader by the help of the revolutionary forces of the world. But you belittled the revolution and allowed it to become a tool in the hands of shallow scoundrels—imperialists who honour Sun Yat-sen by words only.

"The Way of the Revolution."

"I follow in the way of the revolution. This is the only way by which one is able to honour the memory of our leader, and I will not turn from it. I stated this in my declaration before leaving Hankow, and by this my resolve I am closely united with the millions of toiling masses of my country who will defeat the present bloody reaction.

"Treason is not a new event in our revolution. Treason broke the heart of our leader, but it cannot ruin the revolution." (Signed) Sun Yat-sen.

THE ABOLITION OF SUBMARINES.

U. S. WILLING TO ADOPT WORLD TREATY.

FRENCH CONFUSED.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.

Mr. Kellogg, the U. S. State Secretary, has arrived here on a private visit.

In an interview, he said, apropos of the abolition of submarines, that the French Press apparently misunderstood the position of the United States. The latter were prepared to enter into a world treaty to attain the object for which Mr. Fotheringham's motion was introduced.

The Secretary foreshadowed that treaties outlawing war would be offered to other Powers besides France as the existing Arbitration Treaties expired.—Reuter's American Service.

In the U. S. House of Representatives, Mr. Frothingham, member for Massachusetts, recently introduced a resolution proposing the prohibition of the construction of submarines. Mr. Kellogg, commenting on this, said there was no objection to the resolution provided that submarines were abolished and construction prohibited throughout the world. It was impossible that one country should abolish submarines, and leave any other country free to operate and build them.]

VIGOROUS DENIAL OF RUMOUR.

COUNT MARTEL'S TALK WITH NATIONALISTS.

FRENCH SYMPATHY.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Feb. 7.

Count D. de Martel, the French Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Peking, has returned to Shanghai after surveying the Yangtze.

Interviewed, he vigorously denied having told the Nationalists that he believed they would reach Peking soon, although he stated that Paris was willing to give sympathetic consideration for any proposed diplomatic readjustments. The questions were put as the result of certain reports appearing in local vernacular papers.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE ADVISED.

U.S.A. AND ADHERENCE TO WORLD COURT.

Washington, Feb. 6.

That a request be made to President Coolidge to seek an adjustment of the views of the United States and the signatories to the World Court Protocol, was put in the form of a resolution in the Senate, by Mr. Gillett to-day.

In introducing the resolution, Mr. Gillett said that this would be the first step towards America's adherence to the Court of International Justice at the Hague, since the signatories frowned upon the reservations made by the United States in 1926.—Reuter's American Service.

ATLANTIC TRAGEDY SEQUEL.

PRINCESS AIR-WOMAN PRESUMED DEAD.

London, Feb. 6.

In the Probate Court to-day, leave was granted to presume the death of Princess Lowenstein Wertheim.

The Princess left England on an Atlantic flight with Colonel Minchin and Captain Hamilton in August last. Nothing more was seen of them after they crossed the Irish Coast.—British Wireless.

NEW CABLE OPENED.

New York, Feb. 6.

The cable directly connecting America with France was formally opened to-day.—Reuter's American Service.

WITNESS CHANGES NAME.

YAUMATI BUILDING PLANS CASE.

MR. SHANK'S NEW WITNESS QUESTIONED.

LACK OF MEMORY.

The case in which Mr. E. D.

Shank, managing director of the Hongkong Excavation, Pile Driving and Construction Company, claims \$9,751 in respect of architectural services from Louis Lung, 9, Connaught Road, was continued before Sir Henry Gollan in the Supreme Court this morning.

The claim deals with a proposal to construct thirty houses in Kowloon in 1924, the plaintiff suggesting that at the time of the building boom the defendant was anxious to go on with the work but afterwards sought to repudiate the arrangement.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster K.C. is for the plaintiff and Mr. F. C. Jenkin for the defendant.

The interpreter mentioned at yesterday's hearing as the Mr. Edwards who was present at an alleged meeting when the defendant said he did not think he wanted to proceed on the plans as they stood then, was called to give evidence by the plaintiff this morning.

Change of Name.

He gave his name as Sidney Woodruff, and said he was formerly known as Edwards. He was in the employ of Mr. Shank in 1924 and 1925. Recalling an interview he said Mr. Carl Shank, the defendant, and he believed, Mr. Foster Turner were present. That interview took place early in 1925. Defendant was then told that the plans had been prepared and he said he wanted some alterations made. Mr. Shank told him that anything he wanted done could be done. As to fees, there was some talk about a reduction and witness thought it was agreed that some reduction should be made.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin witness said that after leaving the employ of Mr. Shank he worked with Mr. J. E. Hancock for a time and still later he started to prepare for the law. Asked who his tutor was witness said he did not have one, but studied American books. Pressed by Mr. Jenkin concerning the nature of the books witness said he could not remember the title of any one of them. He also collected articles on peace and war.

His Lordship:—Do you mean to say that you can't remember a single one.—No.

Peace and War.

Answering further questions put by Mr. Jenkin witness said he went to America in March last year and returned in August. Upon his return he again started to collect articles on peace and war but could not remember the titles of them. He lived on his money and bought books with his own resources.

Later he did work in connexion with the estate of Mr. Chan Kwong Hing who died on November 13, 1926. He was known to the Hing family and helped the elder daughter in her attempts to get letters of administration in connexion with the estate.

Mr. Jenkin:—You found your legal studies helped?—Yes, to some extent.

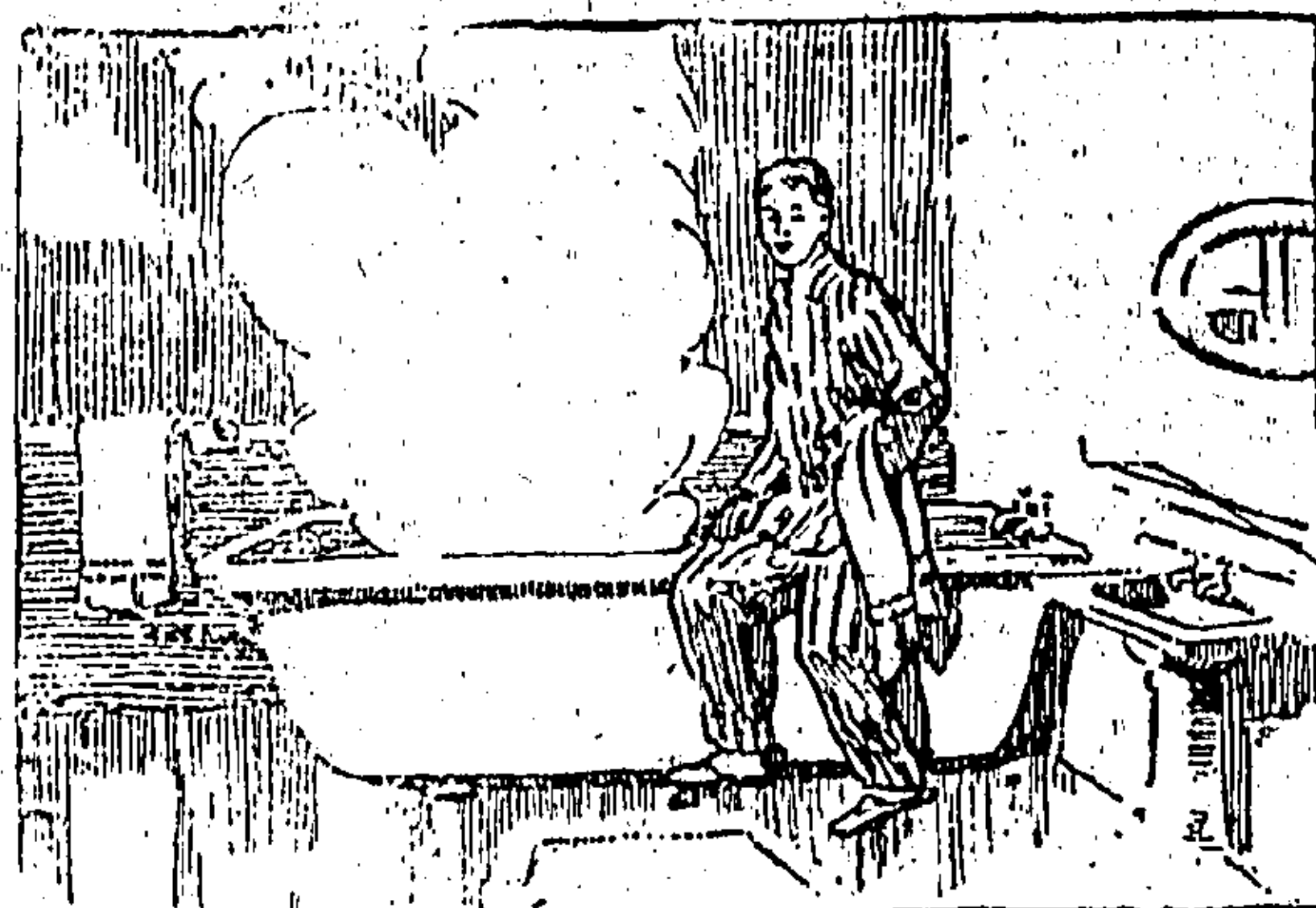
Witness said he had received no money from the Hing family but continued to live on his own resources. He lived with his mother who assisted him.

Mr. Jenkin:—I put it to you that the interview with regard to the plans and fees did not take place?—It did take place.

Mr. Jenkin's Suggestions.

I suggest that your evidence is the result of a suggestion made to you this morning?—No. And that you acceded to that suggestion?—I did not accede to any suggestion. This closed the cross-examination, witness not being re-examined by Mr. Alabaster. Mr. Alabaster intimated that he had no further evidence to call and closed his case.

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THE LATE EARL HAIG.

TRIBUTE AT THE UNION CHURCH.

"For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption; but He, whom God raised again, saw no corruption."—Acts 13:36/37.

Preaching on this text at Union Church on Sunday morning, Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald said:

"These sentences occur in St. Paul's first address to his fellow-countrymen in the synagogue at Antioch.

The sermon follows the usual line of approach taken by the Apostles in presenting the claims of Christ to the Jews.

The providential history of the nation is reviewed, special mention being made of the illustrious lawgivers, judges, kings and other leaders whom God raised up from time to time to direct and deliver them.

In the whole impressive and extraordinary story a great Divine purpose is traced, a purpose brought to its fulness in the anointed Christ whom the great figures of the past in some sort prefigured. This Christ, the Messiah, was to be of the royal line, a prince of the house of David, and the Apostle claimed that Jesus, whom they preached, was this expected and long awaited one. To prove this they appealed to the fact that although the Jewish rulers had rejected Jesus, God had raised him from the dead.

David, in the spirit of prophecy, had sung of an immortal hope which was fulfilled symbolically not in himself but in Christ. Who was not, and suffered even in the flesh, to "see corruption."

As for David himself he had met the common fate of mortality. "After he had served his own generation by the will of God," he fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers."

These are the words which are particularly in my mind this morning; but I review their context because it is not right to use Scripture words and phrases as mere detached snippets which might have come from anywhere.

In any case, however, this is a noble sentence, and it would not be easy to find one which better sums up the whole duty of man. No man can map out a higher destiny for himself than this—to serve his own generation according to the will of God.

What a dignity that lends to life, what a nobility it imparts! Also, one might add, how immediately practical it is. One's own generation, in the appointed field of service, duty is close at hand. Our own people and our own time have the immediate claim.

True Line of Self-development.

It is right to learn from the past, right also to build for the future. But the true reverence for the past lies in loyalty to the present, and in that also lies the right foundation for the time to come.

An illusion which seems to possess many people is that if they had been born in some bygone period which their fancy dwells on they would have had better opportunities and would have made more of them. Our Utopian of the future, lay-hold of many imaginations and everything worth while is transferred to their distant scenes.

But our lot has been cast in the 20th century, and neither the first nor the 26th; and if we are failing the 20th century, if we are shirking, dreaming, refusing to pull our weight here and now, it would have been just the same yesterday and would be no different to-morrow.

Any noble view of life—and if we do not take life nobly we were better dead—implies that we are placed here and placed for a purpose. Behind life is God. Our place, our time, our duty are what they are according to his will.

He is working out ends which include us in their sweep and which are furthered as we serve our own generation in the line of them.

There is a cry nowadays for "self-expression" and "self-development." Very good; but service is the only true line of self-development, and a self which expresses itself in filling its appointed place and helping its own time is the only kind of self which is worth expressing.

Those whom history agrees to call great were not so much what would be called supermen as servants of all. The superman is pretty much the arch-egoist. He may be feared and

by some envied, but he is not loved, and his memory is not held in grateful regard.

His aim is to use humanity, and humanity would be glad to forgive him. To him life is an opportunity for self-aggrandisement and the world a background for self-display, so when his time comes the world is well content to let him go.

Earl Haig's Splendid Example.

In the end mankind knows the difference between its servants and its exploiters, and it is the servants whom we delight to honour.

To-day we all have in mind a distinguished servant of his country and his time who has just passed away. The words written of King David in ancient time are fully true of Field Marshal Earl Haig; having served his own generation according to the will of God, he was laid unto his fathers.

Even in a literal sense it happens that the closing phrase holds good, for he left directions that his body should be buried at the old home in the family tomb. It matters little what becomes of the mortal remains of any of us, but this great leader was not less kindly remembered for the personal modesty and the "love of home" which this small circumstance betokens.

A grateful country would have had him buried in St. Paul's, where the tombs of Nelson and Wellington are conspicuous.

The honour was deserved, but most of us will rather be glad to think that in death he did not wish to be divided from those of his own kind or from the common lot of ordinary men. It will be agreed, I think, that no one could have worn great honours with less ostentation than he did.

He accepted the honours and carried them in no spirit of personal vanity, but looking on himself as representing the gallant and indomitable forces of all ranks whose devotion brought us through those awful years of crisis, and crowned them with victory, hard won and long deferred. Still for his own part he deserved his distinctions.

The Army Council in the Order reported yesterday said that, "As the Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders, he bore, through four long years, the heaviest burden which has ever been carried by a British soldier in the history of the Empire." History, we may be sure, will accept that judgment. No British leader in days past was ever called up to handle such masses of men, to defend a front of such enormous extent or to arrange attacks on such a tremendous scale.

Man of Superb Calibre.

We trust and pray that no such demands will be made on our nation or any other in time to come. We hope the very magnitude of modern warfare and the fact that it directly involves the entire mankind of combatant peoples may serve as a decisive deterrent.

But, however that may be, our leaders in the late war had to meet quite unprecedented demands, and it took men of big calibre to meet them. The whole conditions were unprecedented.

New and unexpected elements were liable to be introduced at any time. Trench warfare, poison gas and aircraft fighting were enough of themselves to make war a different thing from what it was when senior officers like Haig were young and first learning their profession. It is wonderful that so many of them were able to adapt themselves to the new demands, and only a man able to do so pre-eminently could have remained at the head of a growing organisation like the British Expeditionary Force to the end. The burden of those years, not to him alone but to him supremely, will be even more fully understood in years to come, as indeed the Army Council's Order seems to suggest. It must have been enough to bow the strongest shoulders, and no one is surprised to learn that the strain of those dreadful years is believed to have shortened the life of the late Commander-in-Chief.

Perhaps the wonder is that he was spared us to go considerably on in age, but in any case he lived well beyond the completion of the special task in which he served his generation by the will of God. Like David's of old, that service was as a leader of men in the field of war, wherein he proved himself a good man and true, the man for the hour in its extreme emergency.

We do well to-day to remind ourselves how extreme that emergency was. Some of you can recall the anxiety of an hour which felt a different thing from any side of the world, far from the scene of conflict, when the fate of civilisation appeared to hang in the balance and the Commander-in-Chief sent out that famous despatch.

He knew his countrymen, knew that our people rise to their best when they are faced with the impossible, when their backs, as he said, are to the wall and the last ounce of effort and sacrifice is required of them. He knew also that man's extremity is often God's opportunity, for he was a believing man and had faith in a higher resource than the arm of flesh alone.

True to His Church.

He made no parade of his religion but neither did he conceal it. He was not one of those who seem half ashamed to confess Christ before men. All through the war, it is said, whatever the pressure on his time and strength, it was his constant practice to join in Sunday worship whenever that was available, and did not simply show up on special occasions.

The country honours him as a hero, which is his due; the Church also can commemorate him as a Christian, and that should not be forgotten.

Earl Haig remained true to his religion and faithful also to his Church and the Church of his fathers. St. Columba's, where he worshipped in London, is a congregation of the Presbyterian Kirk of Scotland.

A few years ago, though so far I have seen no mention of the fact, Earl Haig was ordained an elder of that congregation, and worthily he filled the office.

For these reasons it seems fitting, and I think will be so recognised, that mention should be made of him in this Church, whose membership is so largely recruited from his own communion.

We remember him not only as one who stood nobly in the breach for king and country in the time of stress and received well merited honours of dignity and honour. We think of him also as a soldier of Jesus Christ, who fought in his own sphere the good fight of the faith and for whom is laid the crown of righteousness.

One more has been added to the cloud of witnesses who encompass us around and watch as we run the race set before us.

His Wonderful Work.

Let us see that we do not become unworthy of them, for that is what we do become if we content ourselves with sounding the praises of famous men while dropping the tasks they bequeath us. I wish I could honestly rid my mind of fears that we may do so. In this case, a generation is coming forward which knows little about the Great War and apparently had rather not be told about it. Years pass quickly, and it is difficult to realise that young men and women will be voting at the next General Election who were in kindergartens when the war broke out and not long out of the nursery when it ended. If they are ignorant as to what it all meant is because we, their seniors, have been too forgetful.

The world is keen to reap the fruits of victory and would like to forget the cost of it. But there are things which it is wrong to forget, though the remembrance of them may be painful and may put an unwelcome check on our prosperity and our pleasures. The late Field Marshal not only served his generation under Providence by doing so much to win the war. The same Providence spared his precious life and put it into his kindly heart to keep a later generation in mind of what it owes to those who counted not their lives dear to them in comparison with the call of duty. It has not been over-kind to the men who won the war, who forfeited the chances which are the common right of youth, who came through, many of them crippled in body, disturbed in mind, and all of them belated in the race, if they come through at all. For them and for their dependents Douglas Haig spent himself ungrudgingly, and there is no doubt that the prestige of his distinguished name and high position has done much to keep their claims from being overlooked in the rush for wealth and pleasure which is the worst reaction from the great upheaval. For that human kindness his memory will be treasured as much as for his great achievements.

Let our remembrance take the form which alone is of any value, a fresh consecration of ourselves each one to the call of duty, however that may come to us, each in his place determined that our life at any rate is not to be an empty or a selfish thing, but a serving of our generation according to the will of God.

Becoming wedged in a brick outbuilding on the way to Nuneaton cattle sale, a runaway cow burst the wall and walked out amid an avalanche of bricks.

MAN'S INTELLIGENCE.

INTERESTING LECTURE BY DR. SHELLSHEAR.

The evolution of the intelligence was interestingly discussed in a lecture by Dr. J. L. Shellshear at the Helena May Institute yesterday evening. There was a large attendance presided over by the Very Rev. Dean of St. John's Cathedral.

Dr. Shellshear prefaced his lecture by explaining that intelligence was composed of three faculties—on one side, "sensation" and on the other side "expression," with a new mechanism which was called "intercalation," placed between the two. Dr. Shellshear then referred to the general belief that there were only five senses. According to the lecturer there were innumerable cutaneous sensibilities which were not able to realise.

Dr. Shellshear then traced the evolution of the intelligence from the water living forms to the land living forms. He showed lantern slides of the extraordinary fossil fish, the Lung fish, which was capable of living in mud with the presence of mere moisture.

From the Lung fish, the lecturer traced the evolution to various animals of Australia including the opossum which, he said, was one of the animals nearest to the line of man's ancestry. He pointed out the diminution of the prominence of the nose and in pictures of other animals he showed how the eyes were drawn to the front of the face.

Coming to the animals which kept to trees, the lecturer explained how they had less use for their organs of smell, and with the aid of further slides he showed the different positions of the various faculties of the brain, explaining how areas had expanded while others diminished.

Ape Ancestry.

That there were twenty-eight different microscopic areas of the brain but with only a few being generally known about, was the result of a noted anatomist's study of the brain.

Dr. Shellshear dealt on the development of the visual organs, showing a slide of a monkey threading a needle. Remarking upon the powers of concentration, he said, smilingly, that the average man cannot properly concentrate for more than a quarter of an hour every day.

Whilst slides of monkeys were being shown Dr. Shellshear expressed his disbelief of the theory that man evolved in direct line from apes, although they probably had a common origin. The talk of man's evolution from monkeys has caused unnecessary disturbances in man's mind, continued the lecturer.

Dr. Shellshear then showed the moulds of several brains which had been found by different explorers and commented upon the organic systems of each. An interesting exhibit was a mould of the brain of Dean Swift, who, the lecturer declared had possessed the biggest brain known.

At the conclusion of the lecture Dean Swann expressed thanks to Dr. Shellshear.

PEACE SCHOLARSHIPS.

WON BY SHANGHAI PUBLIC SCHOOL BOYS.

The two Peace Memorial Scholarships to be awarded on the results of the Matriculation Examination held in December 1927, have been awarded to Messrs. G. C. Bloom and W. A. Etterley, both of the Shanghai Public School for Boys, Shanghai.

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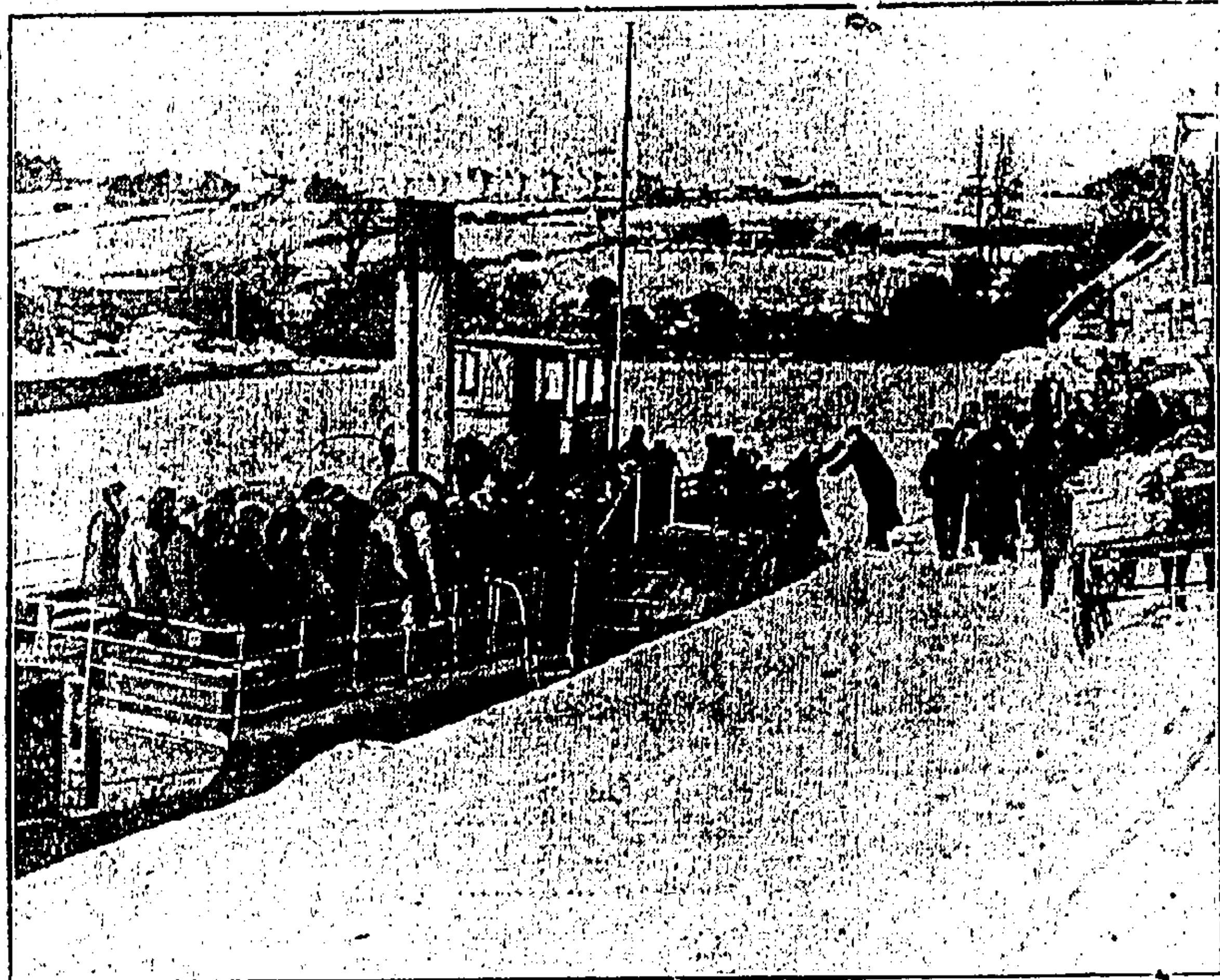
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WHAT'LL
I DO?

PUT PEP INTO YOUR
SALES TALK—DON'T
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LIKE A PARROT!

GOODY GOODY
SALES TALK—DON'T
STUFF LIKE A
PARROT? MAY-
BE YA KNOW
SALESMANSHIP.

BUT YA DON'T KNOW
MUCH ABOUT
PARROTS!





The arrival of the steamer Kenwith Castle at Kingsbridge, South Devon, with passengers and freight. This was the only means of communication between Salcombe and Kingsbridge as the roads between the two towns were blocked with snow. (Times copyright).

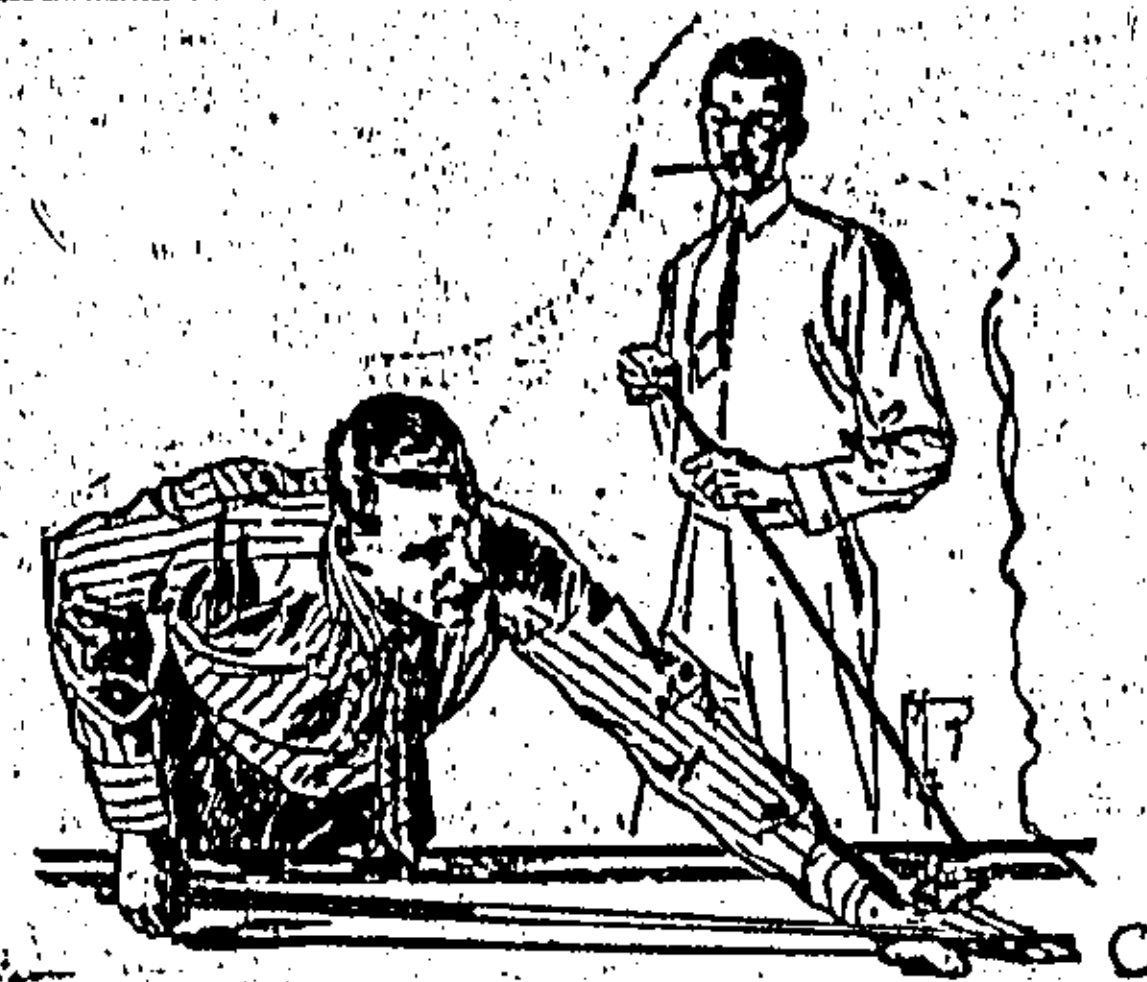
The Amateur Skating Championship of Great Britain was decided at Lingay Fen, near Cambridge, on December 31, C. W. Horn beating the holder, F. W. Dix, by fully 150 yards. Our photograph shows a general view of the scene as Horn finished the course. (Times copyright).



Mr. F. C. J. Robertson and his bride Miss Pam E. Green, whose wedding took place at Union Church, Shanghai recently.



Communications in many parts of the South of England were seriously disorganized from the effects of the Christmas snowstorms, and floods, which would be more serious but for the frost, were reported at Canterbury and in the Thames Valley. Our picture shows the swollen Thames at Elton, looking across to the College and the playing fields, which are under water. (Times copyright).



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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTEER HEAD-QUARTERS on THURSDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY.

ENTRIES WILL CLOSE at 1 p.m. on MONDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY. Schedules may be obtained on application from the Secretaries, c/o Bradley & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 7th Feb. 1928.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Messrs. LEB'S of 10, Queen's Road C, beg to announce that they have from this date severed all connection with the HONGKONG OBSERVER.

Hongkong, February 6th, 1928.

NAVY LEAGUE.

(Hongkong Branch).

The Annual General Meeting of the Navy League will be held on Wednesday, 8th February, at 5.30 p.m. in the board-room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by kind permission).

All members are cordially invited to attend.

L. M. WHYTE,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1928.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 25th February, 1928, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 13th February to Saturday the 25th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th Feb., 1928.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Hongkong Tramways Limited will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on Monday, the 27th day of February, 1928, at 12 o'clock noon to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the company will be closed from MONDAY, 13th to MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1928, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1928.

G.  R.

NAVY CONTRACTS, 1928-1929.

Sealed Tenders, in duplicate, for the supply of the undermentioned Stores for H.M. Naval Service at Hong Kong during the period 1st April 1928 to 31st March, 1929 will be received by the Commodore, H.M. Naval Yard, until noon on Monday, the 20th February, 1928:—

Frozen Meat.
Fresh Vegetables.
Soft Bread.
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Forms of Tender and any necessary information may be obtained on application to the Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Depot, Kowloon.

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Kowloon, February, 1928.

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MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, 11th February, 1928 at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days of racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day.

Admission by ticket only. Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 9th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 1st February to Friday, 10th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1928.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 15th February, to TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order

of the Board of Directors,

JOHN ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1928.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on FRIDAY,

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LAMMERT BROS.,

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Hongkong, Feb. 6, 1928.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty Third Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Company, Limited, on Tuesday, the 7th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 30th January to 7th February, 1928, both dates inclusive.

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CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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The Steamship,

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having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 13th February, 1928, will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 11th February, 1928, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, Hongkong.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

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General Agents.

Hongkong, 4th Feb., 1928.

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"NAGATO MARU,"

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 14th Feb. 1928, will be subject to rent. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1928.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

It is notified for information that Feather Fans and Brooches cannot be sent by post to Great Britain. They are prohibited by the Plumage (Prohibition) Act of 1921.

RADIO NOTICES.

Holders of Wireless Receiving Station Licences are reminded that their Licences for the year 1928 are due for renewal before the 15th inst. Fee \$5.00 per annum.

Radio Telegraph Services are now in operation with the following:—
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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESSES.

Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should, in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio, register their telegraphic addresses immediately.

Rates and further particulars on application to the Radio Counter, 1st Floor, Government Building.

Radio telegrams are now accepted at the Radio Counter 1st floor Government Building, for transmission via Hanoi to Bangkok and all parts of Siam at the rate of 80 cents per word.

Commencing Wednesday, Jan. 4th, radio telegrams will be accepted at the Radio Counter, 1st Floor Government Building, for transmission to all offices in British North Borneo at the rate of 40 cents per word.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Delegan Maru	February 8.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sochow	February 8.
Straits	Yuenang	February 8.
Straits	Tilawa	February 8.
Europe via Negapatam, letters only	Saarlund	February 3.
London 12th, January	Emp. of Australia	February 10.
Manila	Kamo Maru	February 10.
Japan and Shanghai	D'Artagnan	February 14.
Japan and Shanghai	Tango Maru	February 16.
Japan and Shanghai	Khyber	February 17.
Straits	Hakone Maru	February 19.
Japan	Mishima Maru	February 21.
Japan and Shanghai	Katori Maru	February 24.
Straits	Suva Maru	March 4.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C., and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Madison	Tues., Feb. 7.
	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria, B.C. 25th February)	
Japan via Moji	Tanda	Tues., Feb. 7, 3.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Orja	Tues., Feb. 7, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Kwai Sang	Tues., Feb. 7, 5 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Cramer	Wed., Feb. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Wei Hai Wei	Walshing	Wed., Feb. 8, 5 p.m.
Swatow; Amoy and Formosa	Dell Maru	Thurs., Feb. 9, 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kutsang	Wed., Feb. 8.
	Parcels	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
Sandakan	Mausang	Thurs., Feb. 9, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Kwangse	Thurs., Feb. 9, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Feb. 9, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Halching	Fri., Feb. 10, Noon.
Shanghai	Sochow	Fri., Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kamo Maru	Sat., Feb. 11.
	K.P.O.	
	Registration	Feb. 10, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	Feb. 10, 5 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	Feb. 11, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	Feb. 11, 9 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 11th March)	

Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong Tenn
Japan Sat., Feb. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Yuen Sang Sat., Feb. 11, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow Sun., Feb. 12, 8.30 a.m.
Kwangse Sun., Feb. 12, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Sun., Feb. 12, 9 a.m.
Java via Batavia Sun., Feb. 12, 9 a.m.
Tjondari Sun., Feb. 12, 9 a.m.
Shanghai Erap. of Australia Mon., Feb. 13, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand Parcels
via Thursday Island Changste Tues., Feb. 14.
Registration 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.
(Due Thursday Island 24th February)
Hal Hong Tues., Feb. 14, noon.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow
Saidong
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles
D'Artagnan Tues., Feb. 14.
K.P.O.
Registration 1 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.
G.P.O.
Registration 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 16th March).

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. American, Europe via Vancouver, B.C. and Europe via Siberia
Empress of Canada Tues., Feb. 14.
Parcels 3 p.m.
Registration 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.
(Due Vancouver, B.C. 4th March)
Amoy Tues., Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
Swatow Tues., Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta Tues., Feb. 15.
Kum Sang Wed., Feb. 15.
Parcels noon.
Letters 1 p.m.

Java via Soerabaya Tjitaroen Wed., Feb. 15, 2.30 p.m.
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Japan
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CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA LINE.

NEW PHILIPPINES GOVERNOR.

WANTS CO-OPERATION WITH FILIPINOS.

San Francisco, Feb. 1. Governor General Henry L. Stimson is going to his post in Manila convinced that the introduction of a programme based upon a business partnership between Americans and Filipinos will go far toward settling the Philippine problem. He made known his views to the San Francisco Bulletin today.

It was definitely learned also that the Governor General sails for Manila on Friday aboard the President McKinley.

The Bulletin quoted Governor Stimson as saying that although he will have with him at least three men with military experience, two of whom served under General Wood, his assistants will not be in any sense a "cavalry cabinet" such as General Wood's group of advisers were called.

Governor Stimson's advisers selected thus far include an economic adviser at present in Manila, assigned by Secretary Hoover; Mr. H. T. Edwards, assigned by the Department of Agriculture for agricultural matters, and Col. Winthrop, Major Hitchcock and General Dorey.

Governor Stimson indicated during the interview that he believed the future welfare of the Philippines and the ability of the Filipinos to become independent and self-supporting depends largely on the economic development of the archipelago. He feels that such development should come through American capital, adding, "But the investment of American capital should be made in a way whereby the Filipinos would share in the profits and benefits of that development. The Philippines are rich in agricultural and other undeveloped resources. It is essential that they be developed."

ADVICE TO SHUN POLITICS.

MANILA CHINESE CONSUL'S HINT.

Mr. Kolling Yih, the Chinese Consul General in Manila, through the columns of the four Chinese daily newspapers, advises the Chinese community not to join any of the political parties nor take part, intervene, either personally or financially, during the coming election throughout the Philippine Islands.

The Consul alleged that possible friction will be avoided between the contending parties among the Chinese residents if they are not members of any political group. He further contended that the Chinese people in the Islands must devote their time wholly to commercial business and to fostering friendly relations among all the nationalities; they can render help, either personal or financial, in any charitable or social activities, but they must shun politics.

STAR THEATRE.

RUDOLPH VALENTINO IN "THE EAGLE."

The chief picture at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow is Rudolph Valentino's romantic comedy drama "The Eagle," the action of which takes place in Russia before the revolution. Rudolph Valentino appears in three distinct guises—first as a Cossack officer wearing the most striking uniforms of his career. Next he is seen as the Eagle, the mysterious bandit, whose exploits thrill all Russia. Then he masquerades as a French tutor and enters the home of his mortal enemy. The picture has more comedy than any other Valentino picture. The background is rich and decorative. Vilma Banky and Louise Dresser are the leading ladies.

WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Jazz Music.

SIR HENRY COWARD'S NEW ATTACK.

Jazz is a racial question, said Sir Henry Coward, the famous conductor, who last month addressed the Incorporated Society of Musicians at the Hotel Metropole.

Declaring that jazz should be denounced and made taboo among the white races, Sir Henry added:—

It is a low type of primitive music. It is decidedly atavistic. It is founded on crude rhythms suggested by stamping the foot and clapping the hands. It puts emphasis on the grotesque by bangings and clappings of pots. That has, to a great extent, gone now, but the same spirit is present.

This is heightened by the exaggeration of syncopation and the

School Girls Strike.

DRESS AS AN INDICATOR OF CHARACTER.

It is almost generally accepted now that dress, in the case of women, offers some indication of character. England has not accepted this fact so completely as to be faced with school strikes in cases where the teachers refuse to subscribe to modern styles in dressing.

This has happened, however, in America, where the pupils of the High School of Newport, Oregon, have gone on strike because the new principal wears skirts which reach to her ankles and keeps her hair long.

The reason given is that the pupils cannot expect to get modern teaching from a mistress who will not wear modern dress, and the significant feature of the incident.

Actress Handcuffed.

MISS MARTIN-HARVEY UNABLE TO PLAY PART.

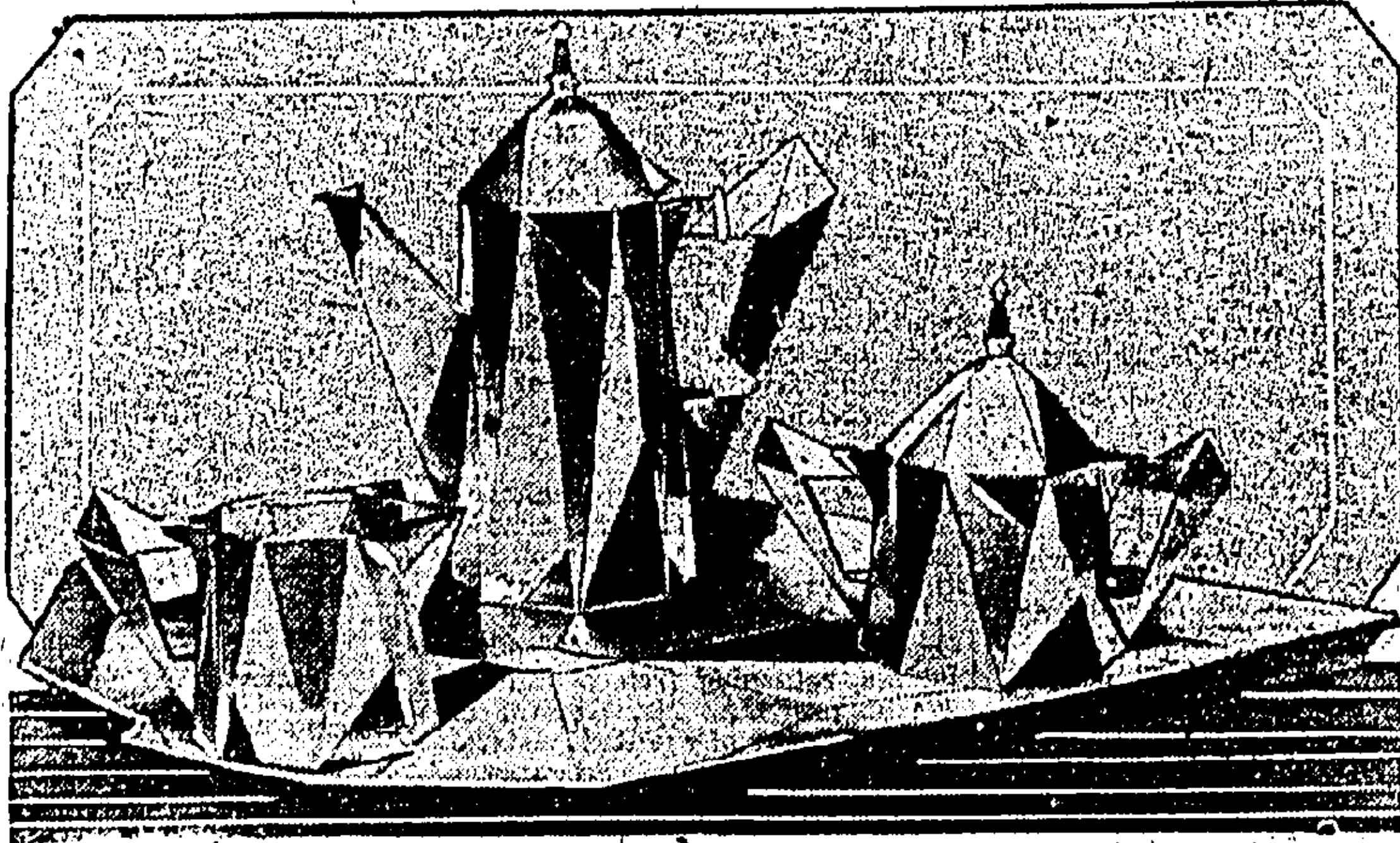
Miss Muriel Martin-Harvey, the juvenile lead in "Nine Forty-Five," the detective play at the Ambassadors Theatre, could not play her part after the second act at a recent matinee because she was handcuffed.

"The incident happened between the second and third acts," said Mr. Watts-Phillips, the manager, to a Press representative. "Mr. Arthur Melville plays the part of a man who wears handcuffs and noticed that they were stiff."

"After the fall of the curtain he asked if someone would put them on to test them."

Miss Martin-Harvey said she would test them, and the handcuffs were put on and locked.

New Modernistic Silver Service Design.



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mauling, twisting, and breaking-up of ordinary rhythms in the frenetic melody instruments. In addition to this, it debases both music and instruments by making them farcical.

The noble trombone is made to bray like an ass, guffaw like a village idiot, and moan like a cow in distress. (Laughter.) The silver-tongued trumpet is made to screech, produce sounds like drawing a nail on a slate, the tearing of calico, or a nocturnal tom-cat. (Laughter.)

Jazz was defended in a letter by Mr. Reginald Batten, leader of the Savoy Havana Band. He wrote that many people who were continually damning jazz music had never heard any of the best jazz bands, many of which had "arrived" because their renderings of popular numbers were musically clever and pleasing.

"Jazz is extremely difficult to play, and anything difficult to play on the piano is, I think, worth considering," said Mr. E. Sims Hilditch.

is that the parents are supporting the rebels in this view.

Never surely was there a better instance of the tyranny of fashion and of the dangers that beset those who elect to defy it.

Men are impatient with women when it comes to a question of paying bills that have their origin in the swift changes of fashion, because they do not realise just what it means to a woman to have to wear clothes that are obviously old-fashioned.

A woman who wishes to play her full part among her fellow-women must pay enough attention to the dictates of fashion to keep her from being a public advertisement of the fact that she has ceased to move with the times.

And if the long-haired and long-skirted school-mistress of Oregon had seen fit to adapt, even to a slight extent, her style of dressing to that now almost general in the Western world, it seems that she would indeed have shown herself to be more fitted for teaching modern youth.

"They were American, and so made that, once locked, they could not be slipped off. When Mr. Melville went to unlock them, the key could not be found."

"Finally, Mr. Frank Pottingell, who plays the part of the detective, went in front of the curtain and explained that Miss Martin-Harvey would be unable to continue her part in the performance, and that her understudy, Miss Helen Goss, would take her place."

Miss Martin-Harvey was in tears when she realised that she could not continue her part.

"Eventually two stage hands searched the rooms and the stage thoroughly, and the key was found under a black rug which is used during the performance. Later Mr. Melville discovered that the key had fallen through a hole in his pocket."

"Never again will I wear handcuffs," said Miss Martin-Harvey. "That is, unless I have to."

AMAZING SCENES IN DARWIN CHURCH.

DEMONSTRATION AGAINST SINGING OF EUCHARIST.

London, Jan. 23. Extraordinary scenes were witnessed yesterday at St. Cuthbert's Church, Darwin, where recently there have been several protests against the character of the services.

Four hundred people, who participated in today's demonstration against the singing of the Eucharist, held up the service for a time by singing hymns.

Two hundred demonstrators left the church when the Vicar entered the pulpit to preach, but they returned later, and when a curate went to the altar with two servers, the demonstrators sang hymns while the service was proceeding.

During the singing, a man read the 31st Article of the Prayer Book. The organ started to play and when he stopped reading the man left the church and the choristers and clergy retired to the vestry before the last hymn was ended.

After the service, there were further demonstrations in the street and the Vicar left for the Vicarage guarded by police.

[An earlier message stated:—London, Jan. 16th.—The Vicar of St. Cuthbert's Darwin, called in the police on Sunday to remove from the service, protesters against ritualism.]

DEATH IN HOTEL BATHROOM.

EUROPEAN FOUND DEAD IN COLOMBO.

An inquest was held at Colombo on January 23rd, on the body of William Ralph Snow, of the firm of Messrs. W. R. Snow and Co., Ltd., London, by the City Coroner, Mr. F. L. Daniel. Mr. Snow died suddenly yesterday at the Galle Face Hotel. He arrived in Colombo on the previous Saturday.

Mr. A. C. Bernard, Secretary to the Galle Face Hotel, stated that Mr. Snow arrived in Colombo on Saturday by the mail ship and engaged two rooms at the hotel. On the next evening, he heard that Mr. Snow was found dead in his bath room. He informed the Colombo police who removed the body to the police mortuary.

Martin Perera, the boy who was waiting on Mr. Snow, stated that he was asked by Mr. Snow to prepare the bath for him. He did so, and about half an hour later when he did not see his master coming out of the bath room, he opened the door and found Mr. Snow lying on the floor. Apparently in an unconscious state.

Dr. A. Weerapremaratne, J.M.O., stated that there was no external marks of injury. Death was due to spontaneous rupture of the heart.

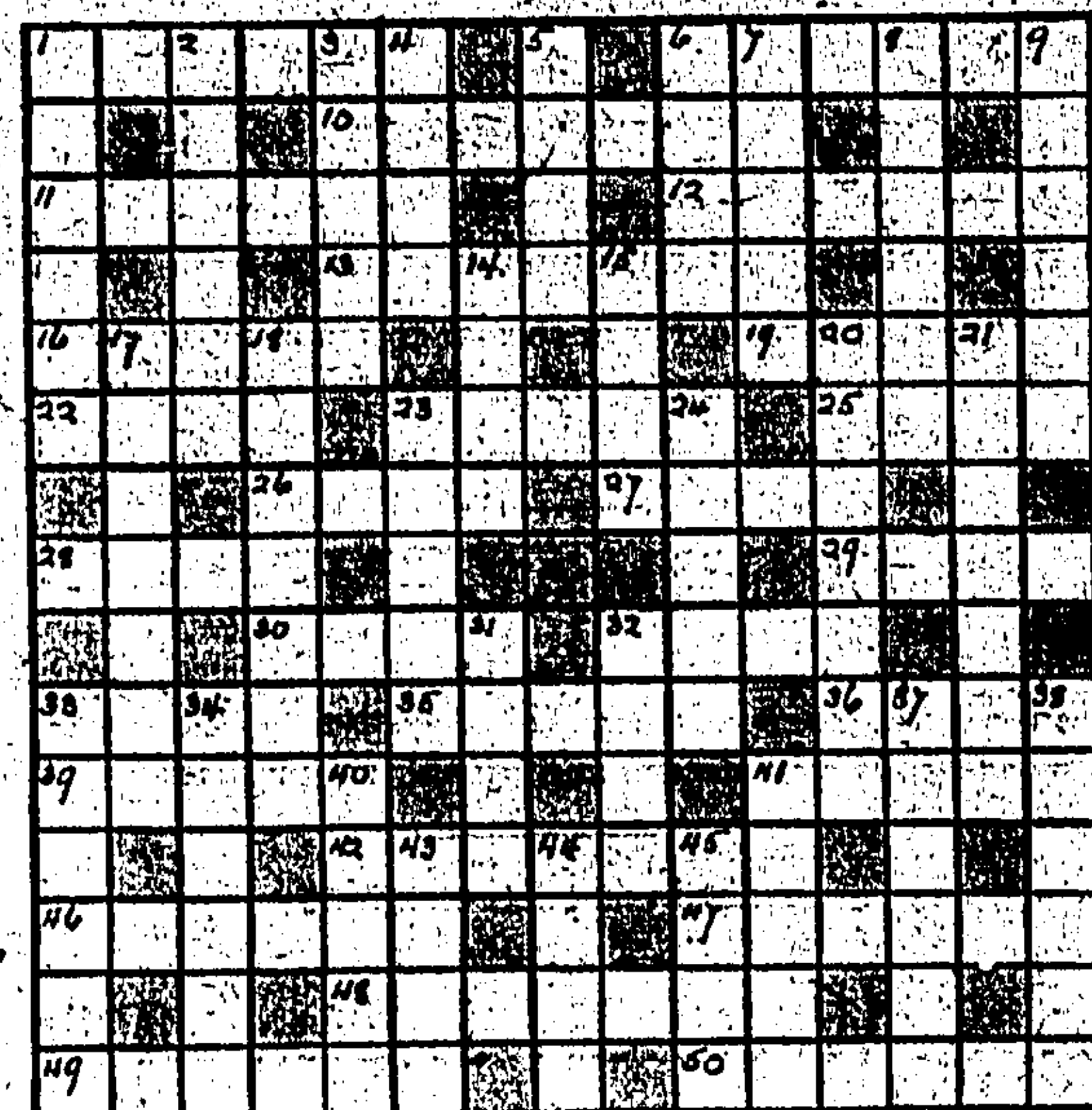
The Coroner returned a verdict accordingly.

The late Mr. Snow was 68 years of age.

London, Jan. 3.—The Labour correspondent of The Times apropos of the coming meeting between employers and employees says:—"It is a coincidence of considerable importance that the Labour Party and the Council of the Trade Union Congress has already begun a joint enquiry into the question of a living wage. Much ground must be covered and probably it will be a year before it is completed. First a living wage must be defined and means suggested for making that wage possible. The enquiry has accordingly been outlined thus—defects of present system of production and distribution, finance, the problem of foreign markets and international competition, immediate improvement in the level of wage rates including a high wage policy, family allowances and social insurance. The outline covers many other phases."

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OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.
1 False rumour.
6 One who destroys a work of art.
10 Made of earth.
11 Mumble.
12 Subtract.
13 Hypnotic.
16 Appear as if gnawed.
19 Bird of prey.
22 Rave.
23 Explode.
25 With.
26 Incite.
27 Prohibition of contact.
28 Mark made by a blow.
29 Free from all deductions.
30 Repulsive.
32 Fermented liquor.
33 Young salmon.
35 Abstemious.
36 Goes astray.
39 Plants of lily order.
41 Inclined.
42 Omen.
43 Mob.
47 Dried grape.
48 Foolish.
49 Powerful explosive agent.
50 Interfere.

Down.
1 Numerical character.
2 Aggregation of persons.
3 Bailiff.
4 Challenge.
5 Perfume.
6 Ancient Sanskrit hymns.
7 Ancient.
8 Work hard.
9 More recent.

14 Dispel.
15 Bird's home.
17 Original.
18 Bodily tallness.
20 Apart.
21 Case protecting a light.
22 Metallic vessels.
24 Small handle.
27 In old times.
32 Tableland.
33 Scansorial bird.
34 Flat platted rope (naut).
37 Agitated.
38 Session.
40 Rip asunder.
41 Quiet.
43 Advice.
44 Marksman.
45 Scurly.

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WORLD THEATRE.

"THE IRRESISTIBLE LOVER" TO-DAY.

Having scored an instant success when screened at the Queen's Theatre for one day only last Sunday week, "The Irresistible Lover" is being screened at all performances in the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow to give cinema-goers a further opportunity of seeing a very amusing film. "The Irresistible Lover" presents Norman Kerry, star of many screen dramas, for the first time as a full-fledged comedian. Kerry is starred with Lois Moran in the picture which was directed by William Beaudine. The supporting cast embraces Gertrude Astor, Myrtle Stedman, Lee Moran, Arthur Lake, Phillips Smalley and a host of others. "The Irresistible Lover" is full of happy little touches and is well worth seeing.

U. S. PRESIDENCY.

MR. HOOVER'S CANDIDATURE ENDORSED.

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GERMANY REJOICING.

CONCLUSION OF TREATY WITH LITHUANIA.

Berlin, Jan. 29. There is much rejoicing throughout Germany over the conclusion of the Germano-Lithuanian Treaty, and German public opinion warmly welcomes the success which has attended the negotiations, particularly in view of a number of latent issues, chiefly those affecting the German element at Memel, which required Germano-Lithuanian cooperation. The newspapers of Berlin record, without comment, the fears of the French that M. Waldemar was attempting to enlist German support against Poland.

The Intransigent states in the course of an article that it believes that the Germano-Lithuanian Arbitration Treaty is only a pretext and urges the League of Nations to intervene.

The negotiations for the Arbitration Treaty between Germany and Lithuania were perfected last night and were formally concluded this morning.

Representative Curry said that the action was not sectional but was the result of Hoover's national prominence.

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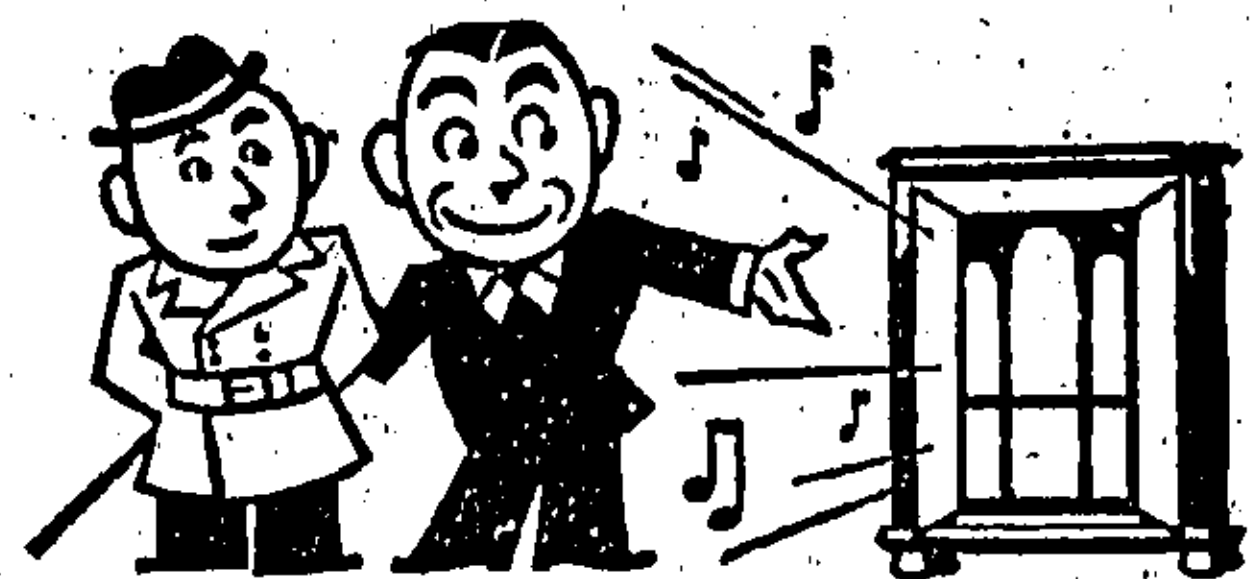
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Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1928.

THE NEED OF PLAYGROUNDS.

Passing the Murray Parade Ground on a recent evening, when it was for the moment free of military footballers, we caught sight of a crowd of Chinese youngsters making full use of the opportunity by indulging in a game of their own. There were far more than the regulation number of players taking part in the "match," but the youths were just as keen on doing their best for their particular side as the most enthusiastic expert at the game. Their grim earnestness had its amusing side, but it also served to show how anxious these lads were to indulge in outdoor sport. They were so obviously enjoying themselves that it was rather a pity to see them soon displaced by the military footballers. Not that we would for a moment suggest that this particular ground should be given up to the Chinese, providing as it does a very convenient central venue for our sport-loving Tommies, who deserve all they can get in the way of recreation facilities. Our only regret was that there was not room enough for all.

We cite this little instance to point a real need here in Hongkong—namely, the provision of more playing fields for the Chinese children of the Colony. The relatively limited accommodation at present available can no doubt be explained in part by the fact that it is only in recent years that the Chinese have shown any marked desire for outdoor recreation, and that by the time the influence of football and such games began to be felt, very few open spaces suitable for such pastimes were left. So far as the provision of grounds for organised sport is concerned, there has been a great deal done during the past four or five years, but, even so, the supply still lags far short of the demand. At the moment, however, we have not this particular aspect of the question in mind. Our plea is that something be attempted in the direction of laying out playgrounds for Chinese boys and girls, too, if necessary, who at present keenly feel the lack of such facilities. With the remarkable strides that the Chinese have made in the realm of football, it is not surprising that youngsters should begin to take to this sport in their own little

way. That explains the prevalence of street football, a nuisance, admittedly; but under prevailing conditions it is hardly surprising that our street urchins should seek a little diversion on these lines. There is in England, just now, a big movement afoot, sponsored by the Duke of York, for the provision of more playing fields all over the country. It is based on an acknowledgment of the value of outdoor sport in improving the health and physique of the rising generation, together with a realisation of the point that it is far better that the youths of the country should enjoy themselves in the open air than seek their amusement in less beneficial ways. The same arguments apply with equal force to this Colony, with its thousands of Chinese lads who have small opportunity of indulging their desire for outdoor games.

We fully realise the difficulties of securing more open spaces, especially on the island, because the present tendency is towards the utilisation for building purposes of such areas as are available. In recent years, quite a number of spots which provided makeshift playgrounds for Chinese children have been built over, so that the facilities are decreasing rather than otherwise. Lads and young men, coupled up in stuffy cubicles are likely to develop tendencies, physical and mental, likely to prove harmful in later life, and on this ground alone it would be a good investment if the Government could devise plans whereby more playing spaces were rendered available. The problem is a big one: It demands consideration quite apart and distinct from the matter of laying out grounds for organised games. And for the common sense of the Government could do far worse than to appoint a Commission, composed of Chinese and Europeans, to study the whole question and make recommendations thereon.

Cultural Development.

We may be pardoned if we accept in principle the theory that the Government regards an awkward query as effectively disposed of, and confined to the limbo of forgotten things, once its conscience has been eased by an answer given to a Member of the Legislative Council. Too often, the simple process is completely successful, but we are reminded of a question recently put to the Government by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton in respect of the gift of a valuable collection of pictures and prints of Hongkong in accordance with the wishes of the late Sir Paul Chater, by the opening of the new Club de Recreio premises on Saturday. The Government had to confess, although it must have been well aware that wide distribution of the collection was never contemplated by the donor, that it had no scheme for a permanent repository. The very bluntness of the reply indicated that the powers that be had no intention of looking for one at the moment. We understand that many of the pictures are of historical interest, and relate not only to the development of Hongkong, but bear certain relation to Portuguese enterprise in the Far East, and their assistance in the development of trade. If the Government is quite determined about the nature of the arrangements with regard to the housing of the Chater Collection, though inevitably disappointing to the great percentage of the population interested in cultural matters, we might suggest that it could well improve upon the steps at present proposed, by installing a number of pictures of the type referred to in the new premises of the Club de Recreio. We are sure the Portuguese community would fully appreciate that as a gracious gesture. H. E. the Governor referred on Saturday to the Portuguese community as a most valuable element in the population of this Colony. Sir Cecil Clementi has at hand an opportunity of displaying the Government's interest in their cultural welfare, in addition to their physical well-being. The housing of appropriate pictures in the new Club de Recreio would be of mental profit to the members, and would enhance an already pleasant interior. Goethe once said that grace makes a man irresistible. May we add that it can do much to render Officialdom bearable?

DAY BY DAY.

THERE ARE NONE SO DANGEROUS AS THOSE GOOD-NATURED FOLK WHO DO NOT KNOW WHEN THEY HAVE SAID ENOUGH.—B. Harvey-Jellie.

The s.s. Tjigondari was docked at Taikoo this morning for overhaul and refit.

Two Shanghai jockeys, Mr. A. J. P. Heard and Mr. H. Matfield, the latter accompanied by his wife, were among the arrivals by the s.s. President Pierce to-day.

Mr. M. Manuk, Secretary of the Dairy Farm Co., returned from Australia by the s.s. Changto to-day. His friends will be glad to hear that he is now in good health.

A 19-year-old Chinese girl was injured yesterday through a fall from the first floor verandah at her home at No. 73, Stone Nullah Lane. She was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Through being knocked down by a car belonging to the Hongkong Electric Company on the Praya East yesterday, a girl received rather serious injuries, and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

A four-year-old boy, C. Lindsay, the son of Mr. Lindsay, living at No. 4, Havelock Terrace, was bitten yesterday by a dog belonging to Mr. Proven. Dr. Durran rendered medical treatment to the injured boy.

In a report made to the police by Chan Shiu-hing, shopkeeper, of No. 303, Des Voeux Road West, it is alleged that an assistant of the shop has disappeared after being entrusted with \$6,727 to pay to the Cheong Shing Firm in Bonham Strand.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley Cemetery yesterday afternoon of Petty Officer Rowett, of H. M. S. Tern, whose death occurred rather suddenly, following an operation for appendicitis. Deceased was buried with full naval honours, and there was a naval detachment, including fellow comrades of the Tern, and firing party.

Mr. R. L. Larson, of Anderson Meyer and Co., Shanghai, arrived on a pleasure trip to Hongkong by the s.s. Pres. Pierce this morning. Also on board were Mr. Sergio Osmaña, member of the Philippine Senate, returning from a visit to Washington, and Mr. Howard S. Reed, director of the Reed Asiatic Expedition, en route to Saigon, accompanied by Mrs. Reed.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 24 arrivals and 16 departures, leaving 23 vessels in harbour of which 28 were British. Tonnage was unusually high, while British vessels topped the numerical return and also the cargo registries with the heaviest inward and the second best through freight. All vessels carried cargo.

Although not so long as "Ben-Hur," Douglas Fairbanks' new picture, "The Gaucho," which begins a run of five days at the Queen's Theatre to-day, is longer than the ordinary film. Special times have therefore been arranged for the four performances which will be given daily. These special times are 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30, and the picture begins promptly after the overture.

Mr. Oscar Schuetze, prominent businessman and landowner and a resident in the Philippines for many years, died at St. Paul's Hospital in Manila last week at the age of 62 years. Mr. Schuetze came to the islands in 1895 to inspect and establish himself in business. He founded what is now the Brins Roxas store and later took his employees in as partners in the business. In 1919 he sold the store to his partners, getting approximately double the par value of the stock.

BANVARD COMPANY'S SEASON.

TO OPEN IN HONGKONG
TO-NIGHT.

The Banvard Musical Comedy Company, with its noted beauty chorus, arrived from the South by the Kashima Maru last evening, and is to open at the Theatre Royal to-night.

"Katja, the Dancer" is to be the opening piece, and this is said to be an extremely colourful production. The Company is 23 strong, and includes talented dancers and brilliant musical and comedy stars. The management states that nothing like this Company has been seen in Hongkong since the old Bandman days. Booking is in full swing at Moutrie's. Special late trains to the Peak have been arranged for each night.

FORMER RESIDENT'S DEATH.

MR. EVAN ORMISTON PASSES
AWAY AT HOME.

We regret to record the death on Sunday at his residence, Crossways, Summinghill, Berks, of Mr. Evan Ormiston, a former well-known resident of this Colony, news of which was received yesterday.

Mr. Ormiston, who was about 60 years of age, had a long connection with the Far East, coming to China first in 1891 as a member of the staff of the Mercantile Bank of India. He succeeded the Hon. Mr. John Purves as manager in 1903, and held this position until 1911, when he severed his connection with the bank to join the firm of Stewart Brothers, bill and bullion brokers in Hongkong.

A keen sportsman, he was very popular with a wide circle of friends, with whom he kept in constant touch after his retirement some years ago. Mr. Ormiston was at one time chairman of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., and of the China Traders Insurance Co. On several occasions he was elected Chairman of the Hongkong Club. In 1904, Mr. Ormiston married Miss Honam, a sister-in-law of Commander Collin Mackenzie, R.N., and they had one daughter, who was recently married. Deep sympathy will be extended to the widow and daughter in their sad bereavement.

DEATHS AT SEA.

TWO REPORTED BY SHIPS
THIS MORNING.

Two deaths at sea were reported by ships, arriving this morning, but a casualty which happened outside of local waters is not detailed in the Harbour Office reports.

The s.s. Tandu, arriving from Melbourne and Manila, with 159 deck passengers, reports that on January 21st, Gt. Paw, a deck passenger, died from heart failure and was buried at sea.

The s.s. Solistan, arriving from Singapore with 731 deck passengers, reports that one Chinese deck passenger died of beriberi on February 2, the body also being buried at sea.

The Nagato Maru, from Europe, reports that a casualty occurred between Birkenhead and Port Said. This was reported to the authorities at the latter port, but no details are given in the local Harbour Office report.

SHANGHAI DREDGING.

SHIPS ASKED TO REDUCE
SPEED.

The following Notice to Mariners, No. 1 of 1928, has been issued by the Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai under date January 28:

Notice is hereby given that the Whangpoo Conservancy Board's dredger, Hai Yu, will commence dredging operations over an area of the main channel of the Whangpoo River, extending from a point about 500 feet above No. 5 Astraea Channel Buoy to a point about 600 feet below Tungkou Buoy.

During the course of these operations those in charge of vessels navigating the Whangpoo River are required to approach the vicinity of the dredger at reduced speed, also to sound a long blast on the whistle, in order that the dredging master may arrest the lateral motion of dredger if he considers it advisable. In this connexion attention is called to Harbour Notification No. 6 of 1924, describing the signals exhibited by a dredger in operation.

The dredger will commence working in the middle of February, 1928, and it is expected that the time required for the accomplishment of the work will be five months.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Feb 6
Paris	124
Brussels	134.99
Amsterdam	12.09 1/2
Berlin	28.42
Copenhagen	28.20
Vienna	34.575
Holmgfors	193 1/4
Lisbon	256 1/8
Bucharest	700
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Shanghai	2/4 1/2
Yokohama	1/11 1/16
New York	487 5/32
Genoa	25 3/4
Milan	32 1/2
Stockholm	18 1/2
Oslo	18 1/2
Prague	164 1/4
Madrid	28 5/8
Athens	307 1/4
Rio	550 64
Bombay	1/8
Hongkong	2/0 1/2
Silver (spot)	25 1/4
Silver (forward)	25 1/4

British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

Dr. Eaglefield-Hull, the prominent organist, who broadcast a recital of modern organ music from the Manchester Town Hall the other day, was practising on the organ in an East London church, when the curate came and asked him if he would mind playing the "Wedding March" for a bridal party which was almost due.

He consented, and after the ceremony the bridegroom approached him and put sixpence into his hand. "Thank you for the music, gaffer," he said.

"What are sheer stockings?"

Dear sir, can you ask? To answer your query would be quite a task; But, tho' 'tis pragmatic, I willingly try To frame for your pleasure a simple reply.

"Sheer stockings," sir, are made of silk. From garter to the heel; And, like your 'curiosity,' Both cover and reveal!

What is believed to be the largest prize ever offered in a pigeon race was won recently by Cyril Wildgust, a struggling miner in the Notts coal district of England. Wildgust received £2,500 when his pet outdistanced all other competitors in their flights from Jersey and Bournemouth. As his wages are meagre and he had been married early in September, the prize was a windfall for him. Wildgust has been a keen pigeon fancier for years, but could afford to keep only ten birds in a small loft covered with black sheet iron in the back yard of his home at Arnold. He has often entered his pets in big races, and as often has met failure until this event.

Willesden woman: Can I have a separation from my husband, who locked me out for four hours? Magistrate: Yes, that is certainly cruelty in this cold weather.

Judge Cluer, at Shoreditch: I am not a judge of handwriting, except my own, which is bad.

Man at Westminster County Court: He is in a fairly responsible position. Judge Sir Alfred Tobin: I suppose we all are in our various spheres. What does it mean?

A bootblack in an hotel holds a "fairly responsible position." That may mean anything from a Prime Minister to a button boy.

The lady's tongue had gone incessantly for at least ten minutes, and the doctor was beginning to show signs of impatience. At last he looked at his watch, and remarked:—"Pardon me, madam, but my time is not my own. You have given me all your symptoms in sufficient detail, and now, perhaps, you will kindly—er—ah—"

"Marie," put in her husband bluntly, "the doctor doesn't want to hear your tongue any more; he wants to look at it."

At the age of eighty, Mr. F. E. Hillier, of Fareham, is the father of a bouncing baby boy. He has been twice married and has had fifteen children in all. Mr. Hillier, who began work when eleven, still motor-cycles over an area of 100 miles, following his calling as a commercial traveller. Plenty of work, exercise and not too much sleep, he says, is the secret of his good health.

"When the Queen of Sheba came and laid jewels and fine raiment before Solomon, what did he say?" asked the Sunday school teacher. One small boy answered:—"Ow much d'yer want fer the lot?"

It is woman's function to make a home.—Mrs. Baldwin.

He is the truest patriot who wins most friends for his country.—Sir Herbert Samuel.

Jazz is a jangling, jangling enormity fit only for the place it emanated from.—George Robey.

If I did not forget divorce cases I try, I should be a very unhappy man.—Mr. Justice Hall.

To-day people demand sharper, louder, and quicker music as a result of the war.—Miss Marion Scott.

There are new leaders springing up in this country—men who have not come into the limelight yet.—Mr. F. E. Powell.

He—I want to marry your daughter. Father—Have you seen my wife yet?

He—Yes, but I still want to marry your daughter.

If a fool wants to part with his money he will find a way, whether it is greyhounds, horses, or frogs.—Mr. Austin Hopkinson, M.P.

There is more reason to fear the Bolshevik from Glasgow or London than the Bolshevik from Central or Eastern Europe.—Hon. R. Forke (Canadian Minister of Immigration).

LUNGCHOW'S PASSION FOR PROCESSIONS.

EXCITEMENT AND SUSPICION IN KWANGSI TO-DAY.

STUDENTS STILL AGITATING

The sixth of the articles on "Kwangsi Revisited" specially contributed to the Telegraph, picturesquely reviews the present state of affairs in Lungchow.

The activities of the students and the bobbed-hair girls are described, and our correspondent remarks that the city has a child's passion for processions.

Our city has a child's passion for processions. The students are able to spare time from their studies to parade the streets with a big drum. Just now, however, they are more concerned about getting rid of their present principal. Pamphlets are being distributed, to all and sundry, enlarging upon this gentleman's sins. It seems he is not up to the scratch regarding the Three Principles, and therefore is not wanted.

The modern student is bent on unlearning. He is always anti-something. He is blowing away his foundations, and wants to fill up the empty spaces in the masonry with rubbish.

In the afternoon you see the girl students, in groups, returning from the school. Their bobbed hair is the only change, on the surface, that we can discern in the city of to-day as compared with the city as we knew it first seven years ago. Political and Military changes and convulsions come and go, but our citizens are content with their old squalor and the same old low level of thought. Their backwardness, we are told, is the fault of the foreigner—and so that is another story.

Student processions become tiresome. I suppose it is because they lack spontaneity. They do not express convictions, but passions imported, generally, from abroad, and worked up by political cliques and factions. There are other processions which are quite fascinating, which enter into the life of the people.

Monkeys for Cunning.

We live on the borders of the wild. Country-men are always bringing in spoil from mountains and jungle. One day it may be monkeys—scores of them in baskets. Once I saw two together, arms clasped about each other and biting from the same stick of sugar-cane.

Monkey taken internally gives the human being the monkey qualities of cunning in just the same manner as a preparation of tiger's bones imparts the strength of a tiger; and the heart of a robber, when eaten, passes on to the eater the courage of a bandit.

A lively trade is thus carried on in all kinds of strange creatures the very names of which I do not know. You can see them in the cages of druggists, and other shops, exposed for sale.

It is occasionally that a more sinister procession enters the town: and that is the opium on its way from Yunnan to the coast. Carried by five hundred or so coolies, and escorted by three hundred soldiers, it takes Lungchow on the way. We are told that we can say nothing about this trade as England is responsible for it! This easy way of shelling responsibility has as much truth in it as the other accusation that India is to blame for Chinese idleness! China had its opium long before British ships brought it there; and when the Buddhist, Buddhism had no idols! China added these herself.

Funerals.

I don't suppose that Lungchow people die much more than those in an English town, yet funerals seem to be chronic. These funerals with the coffin wrapped in red cloth, and the mourners dressed in white, and accompanied by a band, don't seem so depressing as an English funeral cortege. More unappealingly depressing than either Eastern or Western, is the Hongkong imitation of the Western, with its horses coloured black and its coolies looking like crows. Worst of all is it when the band plays our Dead March, and that as fast as ever they can!

We are lavish with our processions in this Chinese city. Buddhist priests and a band not only accompany funerals, but whenever a family comes to a crisis in its

existence—for instance when buying a house preparatory to flitting. Such an important step is considered worthy of a religious rite. This reminds me of a missionary who wrote to an English newspaper about a local recrudescence of idolatry. The Editor inserted his article under the heading of a "Revival of Native Piety!"

I fear me that these noisy exhibitions, which pass our house here so frequently, are not evidences of anything "pious." They are due to the ever present dread of the Unseen. Not only are there devil-possessed witches, but there are "spirits" in chickens and even in banana trees! No wonder children cease to be happy and carefree, as they grow up, and become dull and suspicious dwelling in a world of sinister shadows.

Jossing Outside Temples.

"Man is a religious animal," and in spite of the students' propaganda, imported of late years from Moscow, the people carry on their Joss shut out from the temples, because these have been occupied by soldiers, or police, the inhabitants halt their processions at the closed doors of their former shrines; and perform their ceremonies on the steps, hoping that the gods inside will also accommodate themselves to the new situation and listen to their supplications for good luck.

There was something new in processions the other day, when eighteen little girls could be seen crossing the iron bridge leading to the house of the Commissioner of Customs. They were going to be given cakes and oranges, and have a garden fete; and dressed in their best, were in a state of suppressed excitement. Two motherly Chinese women accompanied them. One, the Matron, had a closed basket. Outside the Commissioner's gate the procession halted. From the basket were produced shoes reserved for special occasions. The workaday walking ones were exchanged for these; and, trembling with happiness, the eighteen little maidens proceeded. These eighteen lives came under the care of the British missionaries when, as each was born, their Chinese parents threw them on the scrap heap, so to speak.

A Different Story.

No Chinese came forward then to rescue the little not-wanted Chinese babies. Now that they have grown up into the jolliest of little mortals, their fellow country people express the gravest fears for their welfare. Eleven of the elder ones are already at school either in Hongkong or in French territory with the lady Missionaries; and the Missionaries would like to move these eighteen left behind. The Chinese officials, however, will not hear of their removal. Who is to know, they argue, what the scheming ladies would do with these precious little Chinese lives if they were taken away from the virtuous security of their own native land to a foreign colony?

Deputations from the yamens are sent from time to time, armed with note books and pencils, to the Foundling Home; and ask all sorts of suspicious questions. Grave Chinese gentlemen, when the girls are out for a walk, anxiously count them lest any in the meantime should have been spirited away by the heartless foreigners.

Why the missionary comes to China at all is easily understood—a wise man knows a good country when he sees it, and naturally prefers it to his own. Why he puts out good money on Chinese babies should not be a difficult problem to fathom either. It can only be an investment—for what Chinese would do it on any other ground?

H. L. C.

COLD WEATHER PREDICTED.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The depression has deepened and moved to the north-east of Japan. A strong anticyclone is central to the north of the Lower Yangtze Valley. Strong monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and fresh mon-

soon over the China Sea. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds, fresh; overcast; cold, some drizzle or mist.

Mr. Paul Hodgson of the firm of Messrs. Ts'o and Hodgson, solicitors, has been laid up in the French Hospital. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is improving.

WATERBOAT CO. MEETING.

NEW OIL-DRIVEN BOAT BEING BUILT.

SERVICE TO VESSELS.

Presiding at this morning's meeting of shareholders in the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., Mr. T. G. Weall stated, in the course of his speech, that a new boat is now being built to replace an old one, and that, being oil-driven, its running costs would be lower than coal, whilst it would be invaluable in the event of further labour troubles.

He also stated that the Company had supplied no less than 574,000 tons of water to ships in harbour during the past year, which was not far below the Company's record.

Chairman's Speech.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—As the report and accounts have been in your hands for the required period, I will, with your permission, take them as read.

Profit on working for the year, at \$54,040.06, is approximately the same as the previous year, but after allowing for depreciation on the fleet to the extent of \$7,000—there remains a balance at Profit and Loss Account of \$66,844.61, which, with the balance from previous account, leaves the sum of \$63,503.24 for appropriation. It is proposed to add to Insurance Fund \$5,000; place to Special Repairs Account, \$10,000; pay a dividend of \$1.25 on 27,723 shares, absorbing \$34,653.75; pay a bonus of 25 cents per share, absorbing \$6,930.75; carry forward to new account, \$6,018.74.

The dividend of \$1.25 is the same as before, but on this occasion, seeing the comparatively large amount of liquid assets that have been accumulated in preparation for our rebuilding programme, your Committee consider it is only fair that shareholders should benefit by the interest earned, and we are therefore able to recommend payment of a small bonus, which we trust will meet with your approval. We have recommended adding a further \$5,000 to Insurance Fund, bringing this up to \$70,000.

You will see that the value of your fleet has been reduced by \$18,050, being the proceeds of the sale of one old boat, which figure is well in excess of book value. On this occasion, seeing that the older boats of the fleet stand at figures approximating their values for breaking up purposes, it has not been necessary to allow so heavily for depreciation, but to offset this maintenance costs are far higher, and for this purpose it is proposed to allocate \$10,000 to meet cost of special overhauls during the coming year.

New Type of Boat.

To replace the old that has been sold, a new boat is already on the stocks and should be in commission about the middle of the year. In this instance, we have decided to install a semi-Diesel internal combustion engine consuming heavy oil fuel, manufactured by the well-known makers Messrs. Norris Henty and Gardner. While this new departure may be looked upon in the light of an experiment, a large number of these engines are already giving entire satisfaction in sole charge of Chinese engineers, especially under very trying conditions on the Yangtze River, and we feel confident the new boat will prove a great asset. Running costs will be lower than coal, and the boat should prove specially useful in case of urgent calls for water at short notice and invaluable in the event of further labour troubles in the Colony. I hope many of you will avail of an opportunity to inspect the new addition to our fleet when she is put in commission.

Your fleet has been maintained in a high state of efficiency and as opportunities occur it is our intention to dispose of the remaining old boats.

Investments, at market value at 31st December, 1927, of \$162,746, show an appreciation since date of purchase of \$42,816.

During the year, we have supplied to shipping in the harbour 574,000 tons of water which compares favourably with 499,000 tons in 1926 and is not far below the Company's record of 614,000 tons in 1924. We hope this is a clear indication that trade is returning to the Colony after our misfortunes of 1925 and that we can look forward to the future with confidence.

In spite of increased sales of water, our profit on working was approximately the same as the previous year, which should satisfy our shipping friends that we have not passed on to them the full increase in the cost of water imposed by the Government early in the year.

No other points appear to need comment from me, and I therefore propose that the report and accounts, as presented, be adopted. After this has been seconded, I shall

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SOME SHANGHAI TOPICS.

ATTACKS ON FOREIGN LADIES.

OBJECTION TO DOG RACING.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai Feb. 3. Now that the rigorous measures adopted by the police authorities in dealing with crimes of violence have had the inevitable effect of cowering the perpetrators of such outrages into slinking into the background and taking an enforced holiday, a new terror has arisen to keep the police busy, this time unaccompanied by the use of firearms but none the less serious since it is directed against defenceless womenfolk who are powerless against cowardly ends who take these unwarlike in the streets of the city.

Pedestrians were startled the other day to see a footpad in broad daylight, in the sight of all, throw a black cloth over the head of a foreign lady, snatch her handbag and decamp before one realised what was happening. In another case a most brutal assault was committed on a German lady who was on her way home with a female companion when she was set upon by a desperado who attempted to wrest her bag from her hands. She pluckily resisted, whereupon, the cowardly bandit, with the rage of a baffled culprit, administered a nasty blow on the woman's face which knocked her down, in a semi-conscious condition. He then got hold of her handbag and disappeared.

This particular form of crime is assuming such a menacing aspect that it is becoming a matter of hazard for foreign ladies to carry handbags in the streets of the city. Local ladies are being warned by the police authorities to keep a firmer grip on their bags and foreigners of the male persuasion are being asked to assist the police by looking out for such acts when ladies are walking alone.

Plots and Counter-Plots.

The Nationalist authorities, at the moment of writing, are going through the disagreeable process of a scare following the alleged discovery of a plot on the part of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's adherents to regain Shanghai for the former overlord of the five provinces. Strict instructions have been circulated to the responsible officials to take special precautions against an uprising which the Nationalists fear is about to be staged by agents of Marshal Sun working in secret in the Arsenal and Forts and at other strategic points.

Ironically enough, at the very moment when the Kuomintang describes breakers ahead, reports are finding their way into the local papers that two prominent agents of the Kuomintang have arrived in Shanghai secretly for the purpose of resuming their connection with the Shanghai branch of the Kuomintang and to carry on Red propaganda which has suffered a setback since the expulsion of the Soviet consular officials from Shanghai.

To add spice to these reports, it is asserted that latterly many Russian women have appeared in Shanghai. These talk Chinese and Japanese very fluently, having completed a course of study in the Academy of Eastern Languages and other Soviet schools. Their appointment to Shanghai is to continue propaganda amongst the Chinese for the promotion of Communism. They are said to cloak their real mission by taking up work as dressmakers' assistants, beauty parlour assistants, manicurists, cabaret dancers, etc., in all of which places they practise the wiles peculiar to attractive femininity to extract desired information from mere males for the information of their Moscow masters.

The air is thick with all sorts of rumours these days.

Greyhounds Again.

There has been conducted for some time in certain quarters what is known in political parlance as a "whispering campaign" to the end of discouraging people from supporting greyhound racing when it starts in early spring. These whispers are gradually becoming articulate and may soon assume the dimensions of a shriek once the ball starts rolling.

The first whisper to suggest any antagonism to the cult of greyhound racing being extended to this part of the world came when the influential, Peking and Tientsin Times roundly condemned this form of sport in the course of comments which did not mince words and left no room for ambiguity. These remarks were locally reproduced, and have caused some concern to the promoters of the Greyhound Association of China, which is affiliated with the institution of that name in England.

At least one letter from a correspondent has found its way into the local papers in which a finger

CHASE OF MOTOR THIEF.

SHANGHAI POLICE FORCED TO FIRE.

A MIDNIGHT DASH.

A midnight chase through the French Concession at Shanghai, in which French police pursued a daring attempt by a foreigner, believed to be a Russian, to steal a car from outside the Plaza Hotel last week. The man actually stole the car but the French police recovered it after giving chase and firing shots which punctured the tyres. In the darkness, the man succeeded in escaping.

The owner of the car, of which the number is 3746, is Mr. F. B. Gange, who left it parked outside the Plaza. Towards midnight, Mr. Gange found his car was missing. He informed the French police and the special traffic squad was put on the case. Brigadier Du Roche and two auxiliaries going off in pursuit in another car.

All important street corners in the Concession were visited and inquiries made regarding the missing car. First efforts failed, but a new plan was adopted. The police went to Avenue Pétain where they started stopping passing cars. Several cars were stopped without result, but suddenly the stolen car passed the police searchers, travelling at full speed.

Brigadier du Roche and his assistants jumped into their car and gave chase. The car, driven by a foreigner, continued its flight whereupon Du Roche and his aides drew their pistols and fired at the car in front. Several shots hit the vehicle and punctured the tyres, forcing it to stop, but the driver, aided by the darkness, managed to escape.

This is the first attempt to steal a car in the Concession since the band of daring thieves were rounded up last October. Since that gang was disposed of, no further reports of stolen cars had been received.

COMMUNISTS ACTIVE.

MARTIAL LAW ENFORCED IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Feb. 6.

As a result of activities by Communists in the Chinese district, the enforcement of Martial Law has been decided upon, as a safeguard. Lack of money is causing the Nationalist Government to try every channel possible to replenish its coffers.—Naval Wireless.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. In what constituency were by-elections necessitated by the New Year's honours?
2. Which section of the Revenue returns for the nine months April to December showed the largest increase, and by how much?
3. Where has slavery been abolished this year, and how many slaves benefited?
4. Of what cathedral is the King a canon?
5. Under whose leadership did the English fight in the following battles:—Blenheim, the Spanish Armada, Quebec, Plassey, the Nile?
6. How many members are there in the Cabinet?
7. What was the grand total of cheques paid at the Bankers' Clearing House, Lombard-street, during 1927?
8. What did (a) foldam, (b) jeteam, (c) Higan?
9. When is the owner of a dog exempt from paying a dog licence?
10. For what purpose was Dartmoor Prison originally built?
11. Why does the iron of a shovel feel much colder in winter than the wooden handle?
12. What was scutiger?

of warning is pointed at the danger of allowing this latest form of gambling to be added to the long list already existent which drains the public money. It is suggested that the "sport" may develop into an unhealthy craze, as it has done in England, and produce a demoralising reaction on the community, especially the youthful section of it, which is already gripped by the lure of "the wheel," where many misguided moral weaklings have been tempted to sign away their prospects before being sent home. There are others who suggest that the promotion of gambling is bound to give the Chinese a wrong notion of Western moral standards. At all events, it does not look as if it is going to be all beer and skittles for the newly-formed Association.

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THE LAST TEST.

ENGLAND'S AMAZING
COLLAPSE.

NUPEN DOES DAMAGE.

The fortunes of the fifth and final test changed completely after tea. When England resumed with 213 runs on the board for the loss of only 3 wickets it was thought likely that a big score would accrue, but a remarkable collapse followed, and in spite of a dashing display by Hammond, the remaining seven wickets were all taken for the addition of only 66 runs. England were all out for 282, Nupen doing the principal damage.

Much punished by England's early batsmen he finally returned an analysis of 5 wickets for 83 runs. Hammond gave a bright display scoring 66, and it will be seen that with Tyldesley's 100, and Sutcliffe's 51, the remaining eight men scored only 64 runs between them.

The various stages of the game are indicated below.

Durban, Feb. 6.
In bright weather on a fairly fast wicket, and with a small attendance, Denno won the toss for the fifth successive occasion in the series, thus equalling the record held by Noble and Jackson.

England had scored 92 for one wicket by the lunch hour, Tyldesley being 53 (not out).

By tea time England had scored 210 for three wickets. Sutcliffe knocked up fifty-one and Tyldesley a hundred.

The close of play found England all out for 282 runs, in spite of a great effort by Hammond. Nupen took 5 wickets for 83 runs.

South Africa went in for a brief period before play was suspended, and had scored 6 runs with no loss.

—Rout.

MISS GLEITZE NEARLY DROWNED.

DRAGGED DOWN BY STRAITS
WHIRLPOOL.

A fatality nearly terminated Miss Mercedes Gleitze's attempt to swim the Straits of Gibraltar. She had been in the water five hours, when she was caught in a whirlpool and had to be rescued. She states she does not mean to try again.

Tangiers, Jan. 24.
Miss Gleitze, after swimming for five hours, was caught by a whirlpool, and nearly drowned.

She abandoned the swim. Miss Gleitze, interviewed by Reuters, said she was just getting set, though the complete darkness was making her sleep, when "I was suddenly seized by a whirlpool and irresistibly dragged down."

"I screamed as my head went under. I felt the side of the boat. It was the end, a very bitter end, but better than defeat by bad weather and adverse currents."

"I am not thinking of trying again, but I wish luck to all who do."

WATERBOAT CO. MEETING.

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be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

A Successful Year.

In seconding the report and statement of accounts, which were unanimously adopted, Mr. W. I. Bailey offered his congratulations on the successful working of the year as indicated by the report and as shown by the balance sheet before them. He was glad to note the wise disposition of the Company's surplus funds which had been made by the management at the special repairs during the current year.

The Chairman then said:—Since the last meeting, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. G. F. J. Quarles van Ufford have resigned from the Consulting Committee on leaving the Colony, and Messrs. C. G. S. Mackie and C. de Bruyn have been invited to join the Committee. These appointments require confirmation.

On the proposition of Mr. L. S. Greenhill, seconded by Mr. W. L. Van Eps, the appointments were unanimously confirmed.

Mr. J. M. Alves proposed and Mr. L. S. Greenhill seconded that Messrs. Linstead and Davis, chartered accountants, be re-elected as auditors. The proposition was carried unanimously.

The Chairman announced that that was all the business and said dividend warrants were ready and could be obtained on application at the outside office.

Mr. T. G. Weall presided and he was supported by Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (Consulting Committee) and Mr. D. E. de Sousa (Secretary). Shareholders present were Mr. W. B. Van Eps, Mr. E. Ezra, Mr. W. S. Bailey, Mr. L. S. Greenhill, Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. O. F. Ribeiro, Mr. F. Byrne Thomson, Mr. L. G. B. Dodwell, Mr. A. D. Humphreys and Mr. C. Moss.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, February 11th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on February 11th:—

DIVISION I.

Blackburn v Newcastle.
Cardiff v Huddersfield.
Portsmouth v Liverpool.
West Ham v The Arsenal.

DIVISION II.

Clapton v West Brom. A.
Oldham v Manchester C.

DIVISION III.

Luton T. v Millwall.
Plymouth v Swindon.
Stockport v Bradford.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Queen's Park v Cowdenbeath.
Rangers v Motherwell.
Raith R. v Hearts.

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Raith R. v. Hearts.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SPURS GET A SURPRISE.

London, Feb. 6.

Playing at home in the First Division of the English League today, Tottenham Hotspur were defeated by Bolton Wanderers by 2 goals to 1.

At Burslem, in the Second Division, Port Vale defeated Preston North End by two goals to nil.

—Rout.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

SOME SERMONS BY JESUIT
FATHERS.

During Lent, a course of sermons on subjects of the day is to be given by Jesuit Fathers to men of the Army and Navy, at the 9 a.m. naval Mass in St. Joseph's Church. The subjects and preachers are as follow:

February 19th.—"The Catholic Rule of Faith: Scripture and Tradition," Fr. J. B. Neary.

February 26th.—"The Mind of the Church and the Theory of Evolution," Fr. J. B. Neary.

March 4th.—"The Family and Race Suicide," Fr. Geo. Byrne.

March 11th.—"Secret Societies," Fr. J. B. Neary.

March 18th.—"Divorce," Fr. Geo. Byrne.

March 25th.—"Christian Morality," Fr. P. Joy.

RAID ON HANKOW COMMUNISTS.

MILITARY OFFICER FIRED
UPON.

ELEVEN ARRESTS.

Hankow, Jan. 27.

The Grand Hotel was the scene of considerable excitement on Tuesday when it became the centre of an anti-Communist raid. In this the officer in charge of the squad sent to apprehend the Communists was wounded while carrying out the arrests.

It seems that the Garrison Headquarters received information that a meeting of Communists was being held at the Hotel whereupon they despatched a detachment of troops to round up the persons. Arriving at the place, way was made direct to Room 7 which was the scene of the conclave and the officer at once entered. On seeing that they had been found out one of the persons in the room pulled out an automatic and fired, wounding the officer, but not seriously. The people in the room were then shown in no doubtful way that they had better surrender and this they did.

The lot, numbering eleven persons including one woman, were then taken into custody and escorted to Garrison Headquarters where an investigation was immediately held.

KEROSENE ON JUNKS.

MORE PROSECUTIONS AT THE
MARINE COURT.

Following the prosecutions of yesterday, relative to the carrying of dangerous goods in Shaikwan Bay by certain junks, and the Marine Magistrate's remarks thereon, three other cases were brought before the Marine Court this morning, with Commr. G. F. Hole on the bench.

Fung Muk-yau, master of a trading junk of Shun Tak, was charged with having on board 890 tins of kerosene in a place other than the Dangerous Goods Anchorage. Pleading guilty, he asked where it was that he should anchor under the circumstances.

Not Relevant.

His Worship replied that this was a question that should not be asked of him; and inflicted a fine of \$100, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment.

Leung Fat-tai, the mistress of a trading junk, of Tai Ping, was charged with a similar offence in respect of 350 tins of kerosene and pleading guilty, was mulcted in a similar fine and alternative.

Kwok Kan, master of a trading junk of Shaikwan, was charged, as in the preceding cases, in respect of 100 tins of kerosene, and, pleading guilty, stated that he wished to address His Worship.

His statement was to the effect that he had contracted to deliver the kerosene to certain shops in Shaikwan and had addressed the Junk Office with regard to landing the goods, but had received no reply.

Endangering Lives.

His Worship:—I don't care where you land the stuff, but I am not going to allow you to endanger other people's property and lives. I have not forgotten the blaze of two months ago.

A fine of \$100, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment, was inflicted.

To Tai, master of a trading junk of Chau Chun, was charged with attempting to leave the port without a proper clearance and pleading guilty, was fined \$25, with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment.

THE TOKUGAWA SCREEN.

WORK OF ART AT KOMOR'S.

The latest exhibit at Komor's art rooms, Chater Road, is a wonderful hand-embroidered screen by Nishimura, known amongst art connoisseurs as the Tokugawa Screen—a beautiful work of art which is worth a visit to see.

The screen shows a view of the Nikko temple set amidst the trees, and the temple stands out wonderfully white against the background—giving a natural effect which could not be surpassed even by an oil painting. It is a classic piece of embroidery.

There is also on view for a short period the wonderful Foochow lacquered screen, in addition to which Messrs. Komor's collection has just been augmented by a few remarkable Buddha heads, amongst them being a "mystic" camphor wood life-size head of outstanding appeal. There are many other art objects, which make a visit to Komor's of more than interest at the moment.

SPONGED ON HIS SISTER.

CHINESE GETS MONTH'S
IMPRISONMENT.

Remarkable that it was very sad that a young man like the defendant should sponge on his hard-working sister, Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistrate's this morning, sentenced a Chinese to one month's hard labour.

Defendant was convicted of obtaining \$10 from his sister by menaces.

The sister said that she was being continually struck by the defendant, and was at length compelled to live apart from him. She obtained employment at Hill Road, to which place she was followed by the defendant, who renewed his threats and blows when she failed to give him money.

Eventually, she thought she would appeal to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. Following instructions given by Inspector Andrews, she gave some marked money to the defendant, who was later arrested with this incriminating evidence on him.

Evidence was also given by Chan Hung-pak, a secretary to General Leung Wing-sing, who took the girl to the S.C.A.

CARELESS PARKING.

CHAUFFEUR FINED AND TO
PAY COMPENSATION.

A Chinese chauffeur was prosecuted by the Traffic Department before Major C. Willson this morning, for failing to report an accident which took place on January 13.

Mr. A. Anderson, port engineer, stated that his car was parked in front of the City Hall. At the 11th hour, he noticed that the wheel had been slightly damaged.

On returning to the parking place, he enquired of the Automobile Association's representative with reference to the damage and was told that the Chinese chauffeur of car 2021 had been responsible.

In answer to the Magistrate, witness said the Hongkong Police carried out the necessary repairs for \$4.

His Worship ordered defendant to pay \$4 compensation to Mr. Anderson and imposed a fine of \$5 for failing to report the matter to the police.

Mr. Bortole was fined \$5 by his Worship for driving a motor-car down Ice House Street when the street is open to one way traffic only. A further fine of \$5 was imposed for failing to produce his license. Mr. Bortole, pleaded guilty to both charges.

DAYLIGHT MURDER.

WELL-KNOWN TOWKAY SHOT
AT GEYLANG.

In broad daylight yesterday morning, says the Singapore Free Press of Tuesday last, Mr. Boey Lian Seng, a well-known Singapore born Chinese, manager of the Ban Ho Engineering Company, was shot dead a short distance from his residence in Lorong 23, Geylang.

From the towkay's wife, who saw her husband fall mortally wounded, the police have information that two Chinese called to see the towkay at about 9.30 a.m. They said that they had some business to discuss with him in his office. He followed the two men out of the house but they had not gone very far before the men suddenly drew revolvers and attacked the towkay, who received wounds in the chest and stomach.

The assailants ran out of the compound and were joined by a third Chinese who was waiting outside. They were able to get right away from the scene and up to the present no arrests have been made.

Recent trouble in the workshop furnishes a motive for the crime. The Rochore police are in charge of the investigations.

A BIG SPANISH STRIKE.

OBJECTION TO THE NEW
INCOME TAX.

Geneva, Feb. 2.

A private dispatch from Barcelona says that an increasing number of guardsmen are being called into service as a result of what the Government regards as an ugly attitude on the part of workmen there. Observers think that the situation is becoming worse hourly.

Hendaye, Feb. 2.

Reports received from Barcelona here to-day indicated that more than 100,000 workmen there are striking against the payment of a new income tax applying to incomes of 3,250 pesetas. The workmen are not inclined toward disturbances yet, but great forces

WITH THE STARS AT HOLLYWOOD.

TEN BEST PICTURES OF
YEAR.

"RATHER HAVE BOOKS."

A none-too-gentle reminder from Film Daily tells me the time has come to choose those ten pictures of the year which you would most relish if shipwrecked on a desert island.

It supplies you with a list of some 700 films, which include such ripe old fellows as "What Price Glory?" and "The Big Parade" and warns you that those super-productions which Broadway has seen for months on end may not be mentioned since they have not had a national release.

Our particular Film Daily list, then, goes something like this: "Beat the Game," "Seventh Heaven," "Chang," "Underworld," "Reconstruction," "Stark Love," "The Way of All Flesh," "Service for Ladies," "What Price Glory?" and "The Big Parade."

And, could we stretch this for a few more reels, we would add Pola Negri's "Barbed Wire," "Metropolis," "Faust," "The Garden of Allah," and a few more. Perhaps even "The Spotlight."

Our personal list, however, is headed by "Sunrise," that truly beautiful picture Murnau made as his first American production. Herein you see why Janet Gaynor is at the top of the world just now and you are surprised to find how well George O'Brien can act when well directed. We would add "The King of Kings," mayhap, and "The Patent Leather Kid," in which Dick Barthelmess stars his come-back.

But we could stand "Sunrise" longer on a desert island than we can tolerate most films on crowded Broadway.

Regrettably I scan the list of those "super" that have floated in this season. I contemplate with awe the announcement that \$2,000,000 in two years are put into the making of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." I even found myself trying to check the points at which each million dropped. But all the clinking of off-stage coin does not make this the picture it could be. Not even Eliza's thrilling toe dance upon real ice and the sadistic beatings of Uncle Tom can make the faint praise sound louder.

Mrs. Stowe would be amazed to learn that the Civil War already was on when she wrote her story and that, hence, it served no propaganda purpose; that troops march into the picture and give a background to rescue scenes; that innumerable strange things happen to her story. One recognizes best the angel's roasting upon Eva's bed and the pranks of Topsy—a well done bit of acting, by the way.

Mary Pickford, in spite of her curls and her familiar hoyden tricks and the crowds that packed the theatre, seemed singularly and, to me, sadly older. Douglas Fairbanks' "The Gaucho" is grand so long as Fairbanks is doing his Fairbanks stuff—then which there is nothing whither in cinema amusement. There is not enough of it. It is not his best picture. But he has a new leading lady, Miss Lupe Velez, who will and does bear watching.

The film version of Erskine's "Private Life of Helen of Troy" was as far from his story as it is possible for Hollywood to get, yet it presented slap-stick as a high art, with gorgeous sets and truly artistic costumes; it is an innovation in comedy.

"Wings" has air shots that are almost too good to be true and a story which, for the most part, is too bad to be even false. Only when one buddy finds that he has, through mistake, shot down his best friend, does his tale become worth while.

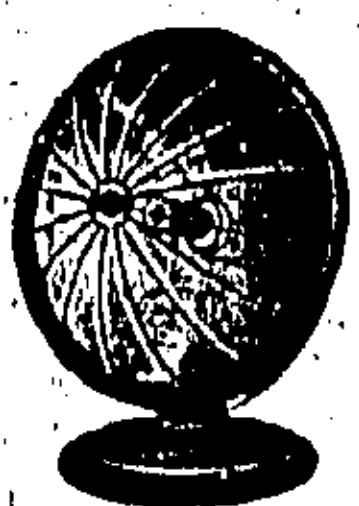
"Love" was an excellent picture of Greta Garbo and Ronald Colman, and it again proves the popular appeal of Miss Garbo, but it is not big "road show" stuff. It is better taken than most and well poised, even when not well acted. "Service for Ladies," with Monjou, seemed to me the best of the sophisticated school and we liked "Two Arabian Knights" a bit better than any of the comers.

"The Student Prince" is a quaint, but seemed to us to drag heavily through its story of romance and love at Heidelberg. None of the talking pictures seem to us to be of major size, however interesting.

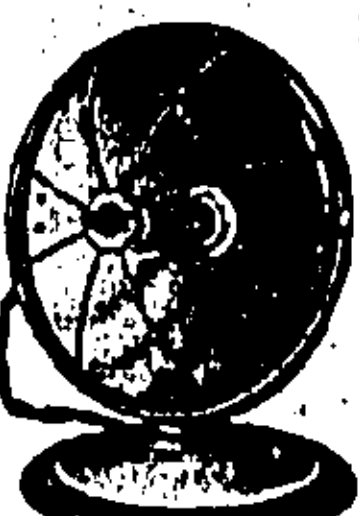
In fact, if we must be wrecked on a desert island, we'd rather have books than movies, anyway.

of police and civil guards are being maintained. The officials, fearing trouble, are in close touch with Madrid. The newspapers at Barcelona did not publish yesterday but it is likely that they will to-day.

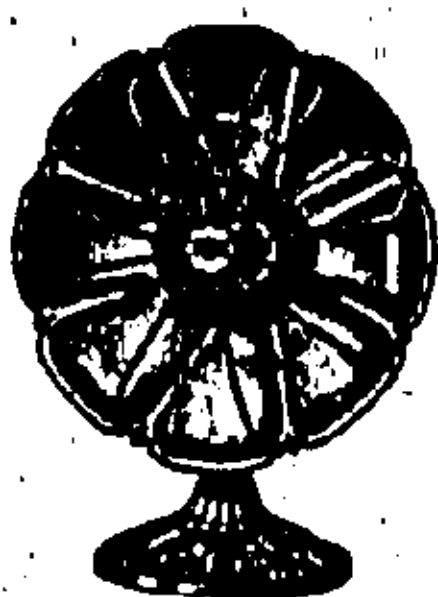
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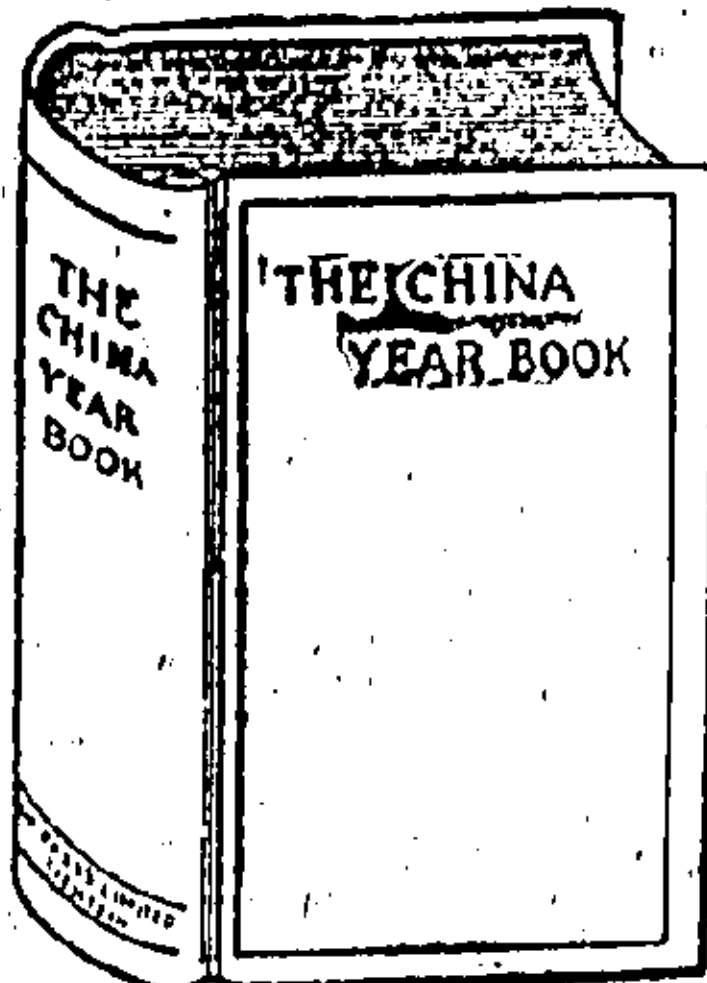
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AFRICAN SURVEY.

FIRST-FLYING-BOAT ON LAKE VICTORIA.

London, Feb. 6. Sir Alan Cobham who is engaged in an aerial survey of Africa, accompanied by Lady Cobham and a crew of four, yesterday flew from Mongalla on the Nile over the mountains and across Uganda to Lake Victoria. His was the first flying-boat over to alight on its waters which are 4,000 feet above the sea level.—*British Wireless.*

British Airmen Coming to the Far East.

Lebourget, Feb. 6. Mr. J. S. Newall and Mr. Neville Vincent have taken off for Rome.—*Reuter.*

[Two ex-R.A.F. flying officers, Mr. J. S. Newall and Mr. Neville Vincent, left the Stag Lane Aerodrome, London, on the morning of January 9 on a world flight via France, Italy, Greece, Mesopotamia, India and Singapore, returning to England via China and Russia. In addition to the pilots, Newall and Vincent, the party which will be using two three-seater aeroplanes, includes a photographer, Mr. Childs, an engineer, Mr. King, and Mrs. Wise Parker, who will be a passenger as far as Cairo. The airmen intend to use the planes between India and Singapore, to pick up cargo and passengers for various ports.]

Eighteen Days' Flight to be Attempted.

London, Feb. 6. Weather permitting, Bert Hinkler will take off from Croydon today on a solo flight to Australia, to occupy eighteen days, in a 30-h.p. Avro Avian. He hopes to cover the journey in thousand mile stages. The record is still held by Sir Keith Smith, who, in 1919, covered the flight in twenty-eight days.—*Reuter.*

London, Feb. 6. An attempt to reach Australia from England in an eighteen days flight is being made by Bert Hinkler, the well-known Australian aviator, who leaves Croydon today in an eight-horsepower, Avro Avian Light Aeroplane. The present record for the England-Australia flight is that of the late Sir Ross Smith and Sir Keith Smith who in a 720 h.p. Vickers-Rolls Royce Biplane accomplished a flight of 11,294 miles in 1918 in 28 days.—*British Wireless.*

Later. Bert Hinkler has postponed his flight to Australia on account of the weather.—*Reuter.*

Not World's Record.

Paris, Feb. 6. The newspapers declare that Shank's looping the loop performance did not attain the Frenchmen, Fronval's, record of 962 loops in under four hours.—*Reuter.*

Levine's Latest.

Riga, Feb. 6. Levine, the Atlantic flyer, has applied to the Soviet Flying Department to assist in arranging a non-stop flight from New York to Moscow in the summer.—*Reuter.*

SURVEYING SAHARA.

EXISTING MAPS FOUND TO BE INACCURATE.

London, Feb. 6. Three young Englishmen, Francis and Peter Rodd, sons of Sir Rennell Rodd, late British Ambassador to Rome, and Augustus Courrauld, have returned to England after many months spent in re-surveying Sahara.

They travelled by camel and their equipment included a specially designed portable wireless set. With this they picked up time signals, by means of which they fixed the latitude and longitude of the mountains and valleys and found existing maps in many cases inaccurate.

The maps they made are being presented to the Royal Geographical Society. The Touareg, Ouareg, and Nomadic tribes encountered by the travellers were invariably friendly.—*British Wireless.*

MEN MASSACRED.

TERRIBLE REVENGE ON BIG SWORDS.

Peking, Feb. 6. Mukden messages state that drastic measures have been taken by Government troops against the Big Swords. On February 2, troops raided two villages near Tungwha, known to be Big Sword bases, and massacred the entire male population above twelve years. This action has exasperated the Big Swords, who declare their intention of renewing their attacks against Tungwha.—*Reuter.*

THE PARLIAMENT.

KING TO OPEN SESSIONS IN PERSON.

London, Feb. 6. The fourth session of the present Parliament will be opened to-morrow in person by the King, who with the Queen will drive in state from Buckingham Palace, accompanied by the Sovereign's Escort of Royal House Guards.

The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne is expected to engage the attention of the House of Commons until Monday next. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald will open the debate for the Opposition to-morrow and will be followed by the Prime Minister.

The newspapers anticipate that Mr. Baldwin will make it plain that the Government will not appeal to the country until late in the spring of next year when the names of the newly enfranchised women voters have been added to the remainder.

The speech from the throne will be fully summarised in to-morrow's noon transmission from Rugby.—*British Wireless.*

"STEEL HELMETS."

COUNTER DEMONSTRATIONS IN BERLIN.

Berlin, Feb. 6. Four thousand police turned out to protect 10,000 "Steel Helmets" at the annual parade of this monarchist and semi-military organisation, which included two of the ex-Kaiser's sons. Six thousand Communists arranged a counter demonstration. There were minor clashes and 125 arrests were made.—*Reuter.*

WHITE RUSSIANS.

PERIOD OF GRACE IN TURKEY.

Constantinople, Feb. 5. The period of grace for the stay in Turkey of Russian monarchists, due to expire to-morrow, has been extended for another year.—*Reuter.*

NAVAL PLANS.

KELLOGG SOUNDS JAPAN ON PROHIBITION.

London, Feb. 6. The diplomatic correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* believed that Mr. Kellogg, before intimating that the United States was eager to sign a treaty with all the Powers prohibiting submarines, sounded Tokyo and ascertained that Japan was similarly willing.

America's programme provides for 35 additional submarines. The *Daily Telegraph's* naval expert points out in this connection that since the Washington conference in 1921 submarine strength has altered to America's disadvantage, Japan having laid down or authorised about fifty, whilst the United States only built six.

Since the end of the war the five principal Powers have built or ordered 180 submarines. France has authorised 91, Japan 61, the United States 30 (excluding the 35 above mentioned), Italy 18, and the British Empire 16.

It is noteworthy that a separate treaty forbidding submarines as commerce raiders was appended to the Washington Naval Convention in 1922, but is inoperative as France declined to ratify.—*Reuter.*

A Hopeless Hope.

London, Feb. 6. The *Times* recalls that Britain found no support for her proposal submitted by Lord Balfour at the Washington Conference for the abolition of submarines which is favoured by the United States, and says that expectation of general support is equally hopeless as at the present time France, Japan, and Italy are vigorously opposed to the original proposal. The submarine has in fact become the weapon of the poorer Powers and there is, unfortunately, no sign of a change outlook at present.—*Reuter.*

French Opinion.

Paris, Feb. 6. The *Quotidien* says that Mr. Kellogg is wasting his time to make the proposal as the submarine is the only weapon wherewith countries with small fleets can defend themselves against the menace of powerful squadrons.—*Reuter.*



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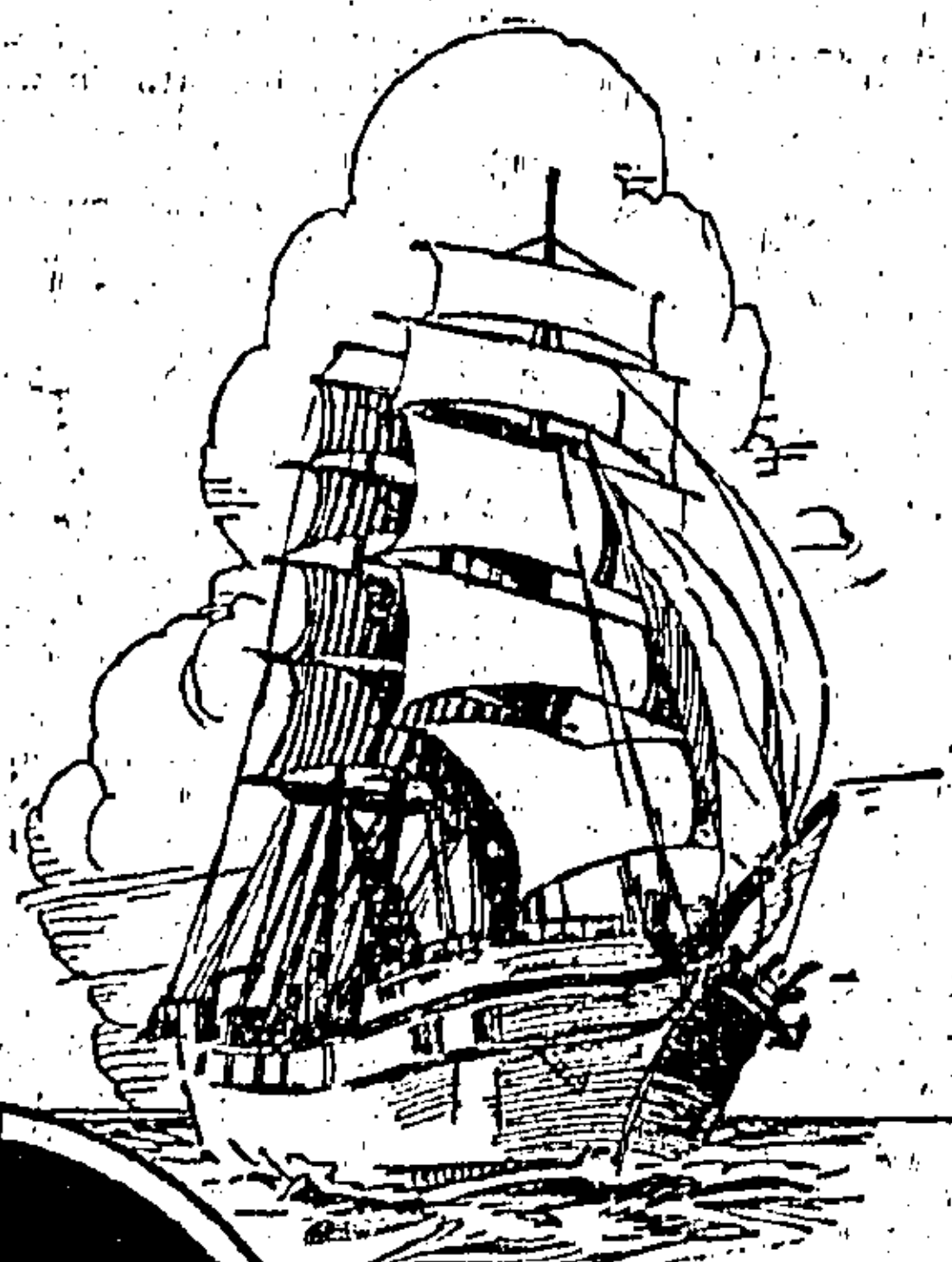
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PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS.

OTTO RIGG, an immensely rich man, leader and master force of a band of five wealthy men known as "The Old Consolidateds," the other members being Hugo Shanly, Henry Maker, James Pedden and SEWARD GAMLIN, whose sudden death—whether by suicide or murder—has strangely agitated the other four, who appear to be in terror of

MARTIN STANNARD, an absconding director of Consolidated Exploitations, who is rumoured to have returned.

JOYCE ALLEYN, a poor relation and private secretary to Otto Rigg, whom she distrusts and fears.

CHAPTER VI.

There was no doubt about it, there was something underneath all this, and something that disturbed and frightened that group of rich friends known as the "Old Consolidateds."

All the afternoon they were in conference in Otto Rigg's study, and the sound of their voices indicated that their consultation was one of anxiety.

Stroach, the agent, came, and was closeted with them, but it was apparent from the angry note that came out of the study that Stroach was not helping them, and that meant that he had not found Martin Stannard, the stranger.

It seemed more and more certain to Joyce that this Martin Stannard was the stranger. The grey-eyed man had shown an intimacy with Greenhaye, and particularly with Seward Gamlin's habits and his house, which argued some length of residence. And yet she had never seen him about Greenhaye.

Martin Stannard was in Greenhaye, apparently, and had never been seen, and could not be found now, even by the cunning Stroach, if the angry voices meant anything. Joyce wondered whether he had searched the "Dark House" and drawn blank. She wondered if she had made a mistake when she felt the stranger was going towards the "Dark House" on the Common last night.

No doubt at all that this Martin Stannard was the clue to this disturbance. In spite of Otto Rigg's attempt to make her believe that it was only Seward Gamlin who was afraid of Stannard (for the man he had hinted at in his absurd story about a woman could be no other), she felt they were all afraid of him.

They were all under threat from him. They all wanted to find him—and deal with him. Yet they all wanted to keep his name from the police.

It was for this reason, obviously, that Otto Rigg did not want any difficulties about Seward Gamlin's death to arise at the inquest. He did not wish to have Stannard's name brought to light.

It was for this reason, too, that Otto Rigg had misled the pressman about Seward Gamlin's gift to the Public Trustee. He did not want that gift to be connected with the suicide, for if it was it would force the police to examine the matter more deeply and disclose the name of Stannard.

Always Stannard the mysterious, the hidden, came up as the significant figure behind this mystery. Who was Stannard? What was his meaning? Where was he?

Joyce had no means of answering these questions. Otto Rigg and his companions would tell her nothing, and, indeed, she felt that there might be danger to herself even to show that she knew the name.

But such was Joyce's anxiety about this matter, such was her keenness to clear it up, and prove that she was not, after all, an accessory to some terrible crime—the actual murder of Seward Gamlin, in fact—that she determined to find out what she could for herself.

She resolved to discover the stranger herself, speak with him, get the truth from him.

Directly she thought of that she felt easier. It was not, after all, a matter of immense difficulty. She, anyhow, did know something about this stranger who was apparently Martin Stannard.

She knew that he went out by night. She guessed that he returned to some hiding place near the Common, and that he took the road by the "Dark House" to reach it. She would wait for him by that road.

It was not easy to get away. Otto Rigg, she felt, purposely kept her in the house, as though he wished to keep her well under observation, at least until the inquest, which had been fixed for the next day, and its deciding verdict, silenced her.

He was aided, perhaps consciously or unconsciously, by his companions, particularly Henry

Maker, who showed a decided reluctance for going home.

With his wife away on a visit, and his house, therefore, empty of all save servants, perhaps he had an excuse for clinging to company at this critical time.

However, he did go about nine o'clock, and by half-past nine even Otto Rigg had exhausted all his excuses for keeping her near him.

For all that he was watching her, and when she looked up her little office and went into the hall she felt it was not mere chance that brought him out of his study door at exactly the same time.

"Ah, Joyce, child," he said, without a touch of feeling, "off for a few minutes' quiet and rest at last."

"I'm off to my bedroom," she said.

"Ah, yes, poor girl, you've had a most exciting day. Rest well, my dear."

If Joyce felt she was being a hypocrite, she also felt that hers was a mere nothing beside the cold and cooing hypocrisy of Otto Rigg.

She went straight to her room, and turned the key in the lock with an unmistakable sound. She changed her clothes into a more serviceable walking costume, and put on walking shoes.

She switched on the light, and, after a few minutes, stepped out on to the little balcony outside her window, and gained the ground by means of the steps that led to the garden.

She did not go round by the front of the house at all, but struck straight across Otto Rigg's estate to a point where it brought her out on the Common near the borders of Hugo Shanly's land.

She walked freely, feeling certain she was alone on this empty Common at first. Halfway across, however, she had a queer sensation that she was being followed.

She wheeled about, but saw nobody behind her. She listened and heard no sound. She went on again, but the feeling persisted.

Again she put the matter to the test. Wheeling suddenly about on the top of a rise, she turned sharp eyes on the Common beneath, showing bare and white in the moonlight. She saw nothing. Her pursuer, if there was one, might have dropped into a hollow, but she did not think so. She felt that her sudden turn would have caught him napping, and revealed him.

So certain was she that she had proved her nerves wrong that she went straight ahead, and, indeed, the feeling did not come back to her.

Soon she reached a point that would give her command of practically all approaches to the "Dark House," which loomed up spectral and lightless beyond the great tangle of bushes and trees that made its neglected grounds.

It was a desolate and lonely spot, a fit place for hiding, Joyce thought, but not a good place to live in. As she sat and waited, Joyce speculated upon the reasons for Mrs. Soudes living there.

She knew Mrs. Soudes by sight, as one knew every one in Greenhaye. She was a slim, dignified woman of about fifty-five, who still retained a great deal of what once must have been considerable beauty and individuality.

Joyce had been able to observe this accidentally one day in a shop, for Mrs. Soudes usually went about very heavily veiled, as if she did not court recognition.

And her manner fitted in too. Mrs. Soudes, for all her year and age of residence in Greenhaye, was an unknown quantity. She never mixed in the social life of Greenhaye, never spoke to the inhabitants. Indeed, she kept them at arm's length. Mrs. Soudes, in fact, was a mystery.

Joyce thought much of her without finding any solution, and her thoughts were presently distracted by the sound of a motorcar travelling furiously in the distance. She listened to it intently, wondering whether it was coming cross the Common; but it tore away from her direction, and presently its roar dwindled along the London-road, making for town, she thought.

She would not have noticed it but for the remarkable speed it was making, and also from the fact that it seemed to have started out somewhere from the neighbourhood of Henry Maker's house.

"It's almost," she mused, "as if Henry's never powerful nerve had cracked under the strain and he had decided to bolt from his worries."

It was an amusing thought, because she did not like Henry Maker and his jovial pomposities. He was just the type of man one liked to see jolted out of his self-complacency.

But even her amusement did not fill out all the time she had to wait, and presently it began to be certain to her that she had been here

WITNESS CHANGES NAME.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Outlining the defence, Mr. Jenkin submitted that he had no case to answer. Mr. E. D. Shank had admitted that unless the sketch plans were approved he would have no warrant or authority to do the work for which he was claiming. Then he was not able to produce a written authority of sketch plan because the latter was lost. He had not called Lum, the interpreter who was supposed to have interpreted regarding the plans, and had failed to bring proof of the sketch plans.

The 1925 Interview.

His Lordship pointed out that there was the interview in March 1925 when the working plans were produced. He did not quite see how he could say there was no case for Mr. Jenkin to answer. He could not stop the case at that juncture.

Continuing with his outline of the defence Mr. Jenkin said sketch plans were admittedly important documents, and the defendant's case was that they were not submitted to him by Lum. The latter was a friend of the defendant and had been for some years and by virtue of that friendship the defendant was introduced to Mr. Shank.

The defendant said he wanted a single staircase for every two houses and called for a re-submission of the plans. They were never submitted to him and he saw no others.

The next reference to plans was when the working plans were taken round two months later by Lum. The defendant refused to have anything to do with them because he had not seen the revised sketch plan.

His Lordship:—When he saw the working plans he could see whether attention had been paid to his desires?

Mr. Jenkin:—Quite, My Lord.

Defendant Consistent.

Continuing, counsel said that the defendant had been consistent in that he had rejected the working charge and when the accounts were sent in had paid the conversion charge but had refused to have anything to do with the charge for the plans.

Defendant denied absolutely the interview of March 1925 in which it was alleged there was some talk of a reduction of fee.

His Lordship pointed out that counsel had to face the issue that Mr. Foster Turner and Mr. C. B. Shank spoke definitely of the interview. They gave details of it and there could be no mistake about it one way or the other.

Mr. Jenkin:—None whatever, my Lord.

The case is proceeding.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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too long, and that, having missed the stranger, there was no use in her waiting.

She had just decided that it was hopeless to expect him when, looking up in a direction she had rather neglected, that is in the direction that led to Henry Maker's house, she saw the stranger coming.

She watched the easy-striding figure coming towards her, and her heart began to beat rapidly. There was no mistake about that well-set-up body or the quick cleanness of the movement. He came nearer and nearer, moving lithely, and apparently with some sense of jubilation and no sense of fear whatever.

It was not until he was close to her that she sprang up and confronted him.

She expected him to start a little, and he did—but very little. The lean purposeful face and the steady grey eyes were indicative of a character not easily thrown off its balance. And that character showed.

A decided pause. Then: "The little lady of last night," he said, with a half laugh.

"Yes," she answered, and she would have said more, but there was suddenly the rush of heavy feet across the turf. A thick-set body hurried itself towards them, a torch flashed out full on the face of the stranger, and—

"Martin Stannard, by heavens!" shouted the excited voice of Stroach. (To be continued.)

CHEER 'O Y. M. C. A.

TO MOVE TO CITY HALL SHORTLY.

An intimation has been issued by Mr. J. L. McPherson, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Naval and Military Committee, that the City Hall Committee has made available to the Naval and Military Y. M. C. A. certain rooms at the City Hall and that the Cheer 'O Y. M. C. A. will be removed to those rooms as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. The Committee of Management is asking the Ladies' Committee to continue its service, as now rendered, until the removal to the new premises, after which the following arrangement is considered desirable:

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Macao Electric, \$66 1/2 b.
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China Buses, \$11.9 n.
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

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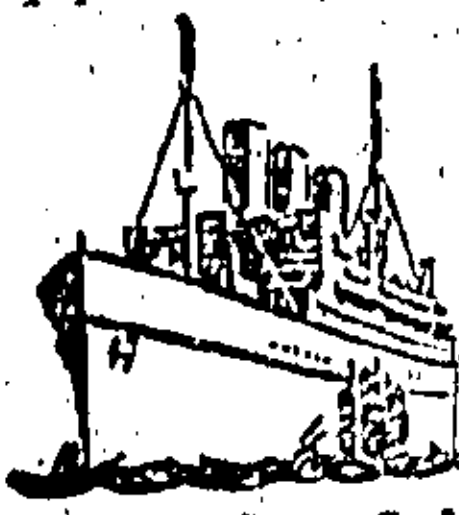
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DISHONEST FOKI.

ACCOUNTANT IMPRISONED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

A Chinese accountant of the Shing Cheong Tai firm of 94 Des Voeux Road West was sentenced by Mr. R. E. Lindsay yesterday to three months' hard labour for embezzlement of the sum of \$715.14 belonging to his employers.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ prosecuted, the defence being conducted by Mr. A. E. Hall.

Originally two men were charged but Mr. Russ at the beginning of yesterday's hearing intimated that he had nothing to offer against the second defendant, who was therefore discharged.

The master of the Shing Cheong Tai firm in the witness box stated that the defendant was employed as an accountant and was receiving \$18 per month. Towards the end of the year he asked his accountant to make out a list of outstanding accounts and it was then discovered that a few sums had been unpaid for a long period. The master questioned the accountant and later obtained from him the addresses of a number of people in Canton who owed money to the shop. A foki was sent up to Canton and he returned with the news that he had been unable to collect anything.

The master continuing his evidence stated that a few days before the Chinese New Year he taxed the defendant about these accounts and it was then that the defendant told witness that he had spent some of the money paid into the firm, apologising for having done so.

The man, who was earlier discharged, next gave evidence for the prosecution. He said that the defendant admitted to his master in that interview before the Chinese New Year, that he had spent some of the firm's money.

Letter to Uncle.

In the witness box the defendant denied all that his master had said about his having spent the firm's money. He said that the money had not been paid to the firm at all.

The Magistrate took the defendant item by item over some of the sums which were alleged to have been embezzled. Defendant failed to give satisfactory explanations. In one instance he explained that a certain entry was due to a mistake in copying, and in another moment, speaking of the same entry, defendant said that the entry did not tally with the shop's account because a certain deduction had been made for goods lost in transit. The Magistrate remarked that the defendant could not have it both ways.

Mr. Russ also produced a letter written by the defendant to his uncle in which the defendant wrote that he owed the firm \$700. Asked to explain why he came to write such a letter, defendant explained that he was trying to raise a loan of ten dollars from his relative.

Mr. Hall at the conclusion of the evidence pointed out that it was up to his Worship to accept the master's story or the defendant's story, but pointed out that there

TRAFFIC CASES.

EUROPEANS FINED FOR OBSTRUCTION.

Among the defendants appearing before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon for breaches of the Traffic Regulation, were two Europeans who were charged with causing an obstruction at the Star Ferry wharf by leaving their motor cycles on the east of the notice which appears at the end of the stand.

Mr. C. H. Whitehead pleaded that he had left his cycle at the end of the row together with the other machines.

In imposing a fine of \$5, Mr. Schofield remarked that he had perhaps left it too far to the east. A similar fine was inflicted on Mr. H. D. Gansden for the same offence.

Mr. Lam Wing-yun, who was also charged under that regulation, pleaded, that when he left his machine at the ferry early in the morning, he parked it in the proper stand. It was possible, he said, that somebody had moved his cycle in order to get at their own and had neglected to put it back.

His Worship: I have heard of that before.

Acting Sub-Inspector Smith: It is done. I saw it myself on Saturday.

The defendant was accordingly discharged.

A Speeding Lorry.

Sergeant Baysting charged the driver of a motor lorry with driving at an excessive speed to the danger of the public in Shanghai Street.

The complainant said that the defendant drove into Public Square Street from Shanghai Street at a speed of about 20 miles per hour. The sergeant who was in Public Square Street had to swerve suddenly to avoid a collision. The skid mark made by the wheels of defendant's lorry measured 18 feet.

The defendant said that he was not driving very fast. He saw the sergeant and pulled up.

In reply to his Worship Sergeant Baysting said that the defendant pulled up with the front of the lorry half way across Public Square Street.

His Worship: How did he manage to stop in that short distance?

With the aid of a diagram, Sergeant Baysting explained what occurred. His Worship then remarked that the defendant could not have been travelling at a very excessive speed if he managed to stop in such a short distance.

In dismissing the summons, his Worship said that he was not satisfied that the defendant was going too fast.

was no evidence to show that the money alleged to have been embezzled was ever paid into the shop.

His Worship registered a conviction and passed sentence as stated above.

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The woman was walking along the Taipo main road carrying two baskets of cakes when she was suddenly and brutally assailed by the ruffian who struck her a blow which sent her to the ground, and then endeavoured to steal a pair of gold ear-rings from her. The plucky woman put up a struggle and shouted for assistance. Failing to get the ear-rings the bandit dragged her to a near-by hillside where he probably thought that there was a less chance of meeting pedestrians, but the woman kept on shouting and finally the bandit bolted, leaving behind him a dagger with which he had threatened the woman.

SPLIT IN TWO.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION ON A STEAMER.

Spalato, Feb. 6. A terrific explosion occurred aboard the steamer Avala off Sebenico in a cargo of calcium carbide. The ship was split in two and sank in a few minutes. A stoker was killed and the master and two sailors seriously injured. —Reuter.

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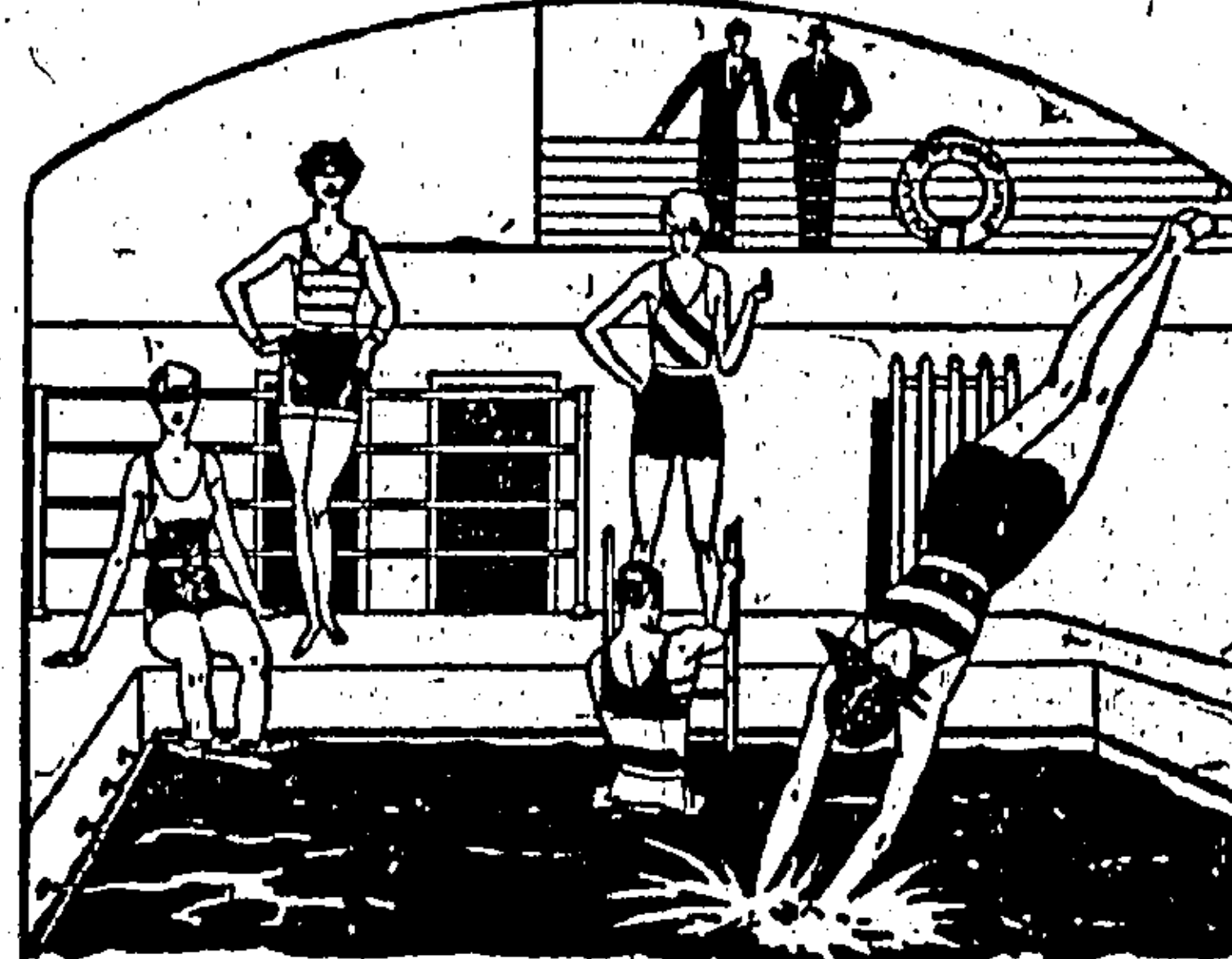
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MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marselles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marselles, L'don & A'werp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marselles & London
NAGPORE	5,283	21st Apr.	Marselles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marselles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marselles, L'don & A'werp
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marselles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Marselles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th June	Marselles, L'don & A'werp
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TILAWA	10,006	11th Feb.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KARMALA	9,128	12th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TALMA	10,000	21st Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KALYAN	9,144	25th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TAKIWA	7,336	1st Mar.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
NAGPORE	5,283	6th Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
LAHORE	5,252	19th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
JEYPORE	6,318	10th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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CORONER'S ENQUIRY.

SAN-NAM HOI OFFICER'S DEATH.

The enquiry into the death of Mr. Hugh Conway, late Chief Officer of the Sun Nam Hoi, and of two Indian guards of the same ship, was continued before Mayor C. Willson yesterday afternoon.

It is understood that the Coroner and the jury visited the ship at 2 p.m. prior to the continuation of the enquiry.

Mr. M. F. Houghton, who began his evidence at the last hearing, was called into the box to complete his story of the piracy, which resembled almost wholly the evidence given by the Captain at the previous hearing.

The ship's comrade Mr. Yue Fung-tung gave an interesting account of the events preceding the piracy. He said he was warned on the day before the attack that an attempt would be made to pirate the boat by a former crew who had been dismissed at Kowloon. Witness accordingly warned the Captain and they took extra precautions by locking the engine room and grilles.

Asked for the source of his information, witness stated that he would prefer to answer the Coroner in Chambers, if an answer was required.

Describing the piracy itself, the comrade said that he was in his cabin when the first shots were fired. He came out of his cabin and saw people rushing everywhere. The witness at once rushed into the cargo hold and hid himself there. While in hiding he heard the pirates ask for him and also heard a suggestion to set fire to the boat. He heard the steamer blow four blasts of its whistle and later heard someone shouting out that the pirates had jumped overboard. He came out of his hiding place and went on deck, where he saw the Chief Officer, Conway, huddled up, over the deck chest.

In answer to a question by the jury, the witness said that the crew were not discharged but that they went on strike and were replaced. They were not taken back to the ship because of their going on strike. The present crew was on the boat for a month prior to the attack.

A Chinese sailor, who was called, stated he was washing down the ship's deck just outside the Chief Officer's cabin. He saw the pirates fire point blank at the Chief Officer, but fortunately they missed. The Chief Officer then ran into his cabin to get his arms. The pirates then fired at witness, who ran into the wheelhouse. When he looked out again a few minutes later, he saw the Chief Officer huddled up, having apparently been shot dead.

The inquiry was adjourned until 2.15 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon.

RECENT WILL.

PROPERTY IN HONGKONG BEQUEATHED.

Hongkong estate to the value of \$91,600 was left by Leung Tse-pun, alias Leung Tse-pun, late of Tai Lam Village, San Wai district, Kwong Tung province, who died at 86 Queen's Road West, first floor, on August 13, 1927.

Probate has been granted to Leung Woo-shi, his mother, Leung Sik-pun, younger brother, and Leung Lai-shi, his widow, who are the executors, all living at 86 Queen's Road West.

The property bequeathed includes Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5 in Ku Lane, 137 Connaught Road West, and 3 Third Lane, Tai Hang Village. The bequests are of a family nature.

ARMED ROBBERY.

MONGKOR LARD DEALER'S SHOP RAIDED.

A report was made to the Police yesterday afternoon by Wong Tai, the master of a lard shop at 492 Reclamation Street, that armed men carried out a raid shortly after 3 p.m. and escaped before an alarm could be raised with money to the value of approximately \$300.

Wong Tai states that whilst he was sitting at the counter shortly after 3 p.m., three men entered and made enquiries as to the cost of dry pig skin. After a discussion, they called in a fourth man from outside.

Two of the men then produced revolvers and herded the master and two assistants into a back room, where they were bound with wire and gagged with cups and towels.

The robbers abstracted the keys of the safe from the master's girdle and took from it notes to the value of \$235 and coinage to the value of \$38. They then departed.

Wong Tai and the two folks eventually released themselves, each by assisting the other. Neither of the victims was able to give a reliable description of the marauders, whom they had never seen before.

Investigation is proceeding.

LAND SALE.

VALUABLE KOWLOON SITES DISPOSED OF.

The Credit Foncier d'Extreme Orient has acquired three valuable sites in Kowloon through a public auction held yesterday at the offices of the Public Works Department.

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The Credit Foncier d'Extreme Orient was the only bidder at the sale, and they bought the property at the upset price of \$92,950. Mr. Parker Rees was the auctioneer.

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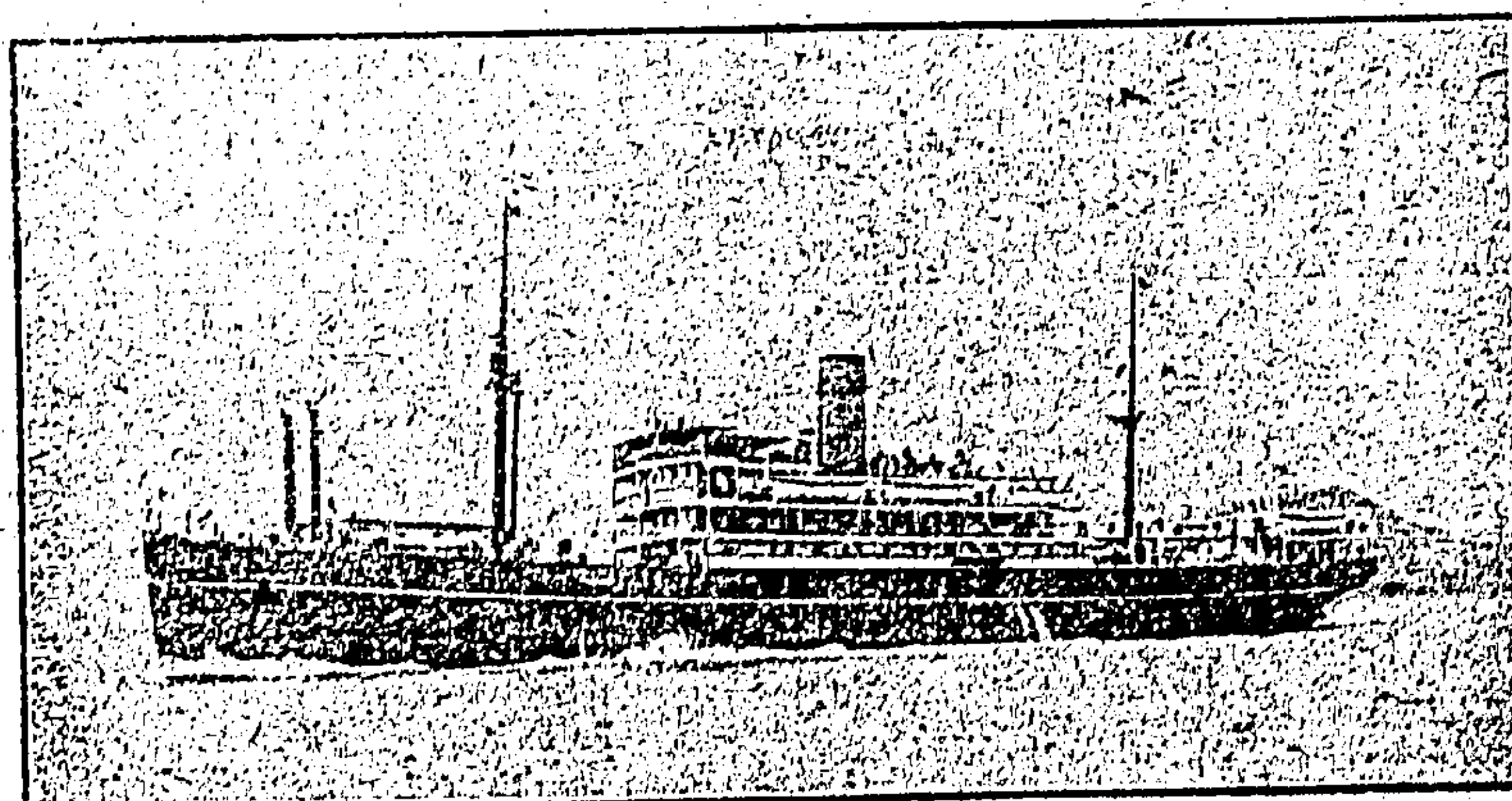
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PRISONERS FREED.

So many rumours were prevalent during the latter part of the New Year festivities with regard to a raid on the Centrosojus premises, at Hankow, and impossible demands by the Nationalist Government for huge sums of money, that a representative of the *Central China Post* called on the authorities with a view to obtaining the real facts of the case.

The authorities placed no obstacle whatever in the path of investigation.

The reason for the arrest was a simple one. The Nationalist authorities at Nanking had ordered an investigation into the affairs of the Centrosojus, because they had received information which led them to believe that this organisation was the financial medium through which a good deal of Bolshevik propaganda was supported.

Representations to this effect were made to the management, and they were notified that this investigation had to be made. Acting on what they considered to be their rights this investigation was opposed, and in order to prevent further opposition and free access to the books of the company all the members of the firm were arrested and taken to headquarters, later being brought back to the offices in company with the Chinese auditors so that they might be present during the investigation.

Doubtful Operation.

It was discovered that one large sum of money, namely \$600,000 had been remitted by the Dai Bank through the Central Bank of China to the company in Hankow. Of this large sum there was apparently no further trace. The explanation offered was that the same amount was returned to Shanghai. In the eyes of the authorities this was an explanation that needed a little amplifying but the present management could add nothing to the statement that they had made.

It was pointed out and emphasised that the authorities had no desire to inflict unnecessary hardship, but they had been bound to carry out orders. They were willing to accept the explanation offered as far as the present personnel of the organisation was concerned, as they were not in positions of responsibility during the period under review.

Prisoners Are Released.

The foreigners present were then informed that the authorities could do no other than carry out the orders sent them which were to the effect that the Centrosojus being a purely Soviet organisation, notwithstanding its British registration would have to close on the date previously notified to them which was the 28th January.

Throughout the proceedings mention was awaited of the \$1,000,000 and sundry other amounts which rumour credited the Chinese authorities with demanding. Inquiry elicited the fact that not only was no money demanded then, but that it never had been. In view of the fact that rumours had been circulated the foreigners signed a document to the effect that on no occasion had they been asked to contribute to any funds, pay any money, whether in the form of taxes or otherwise, neither had it even been suggested that they do so. This document was voluntarily signed by all three foreigners and effectively disposed of the rumours of a million dollar demand.

The question then arose as to the Chinese prisoners. Mr. Kossolapov stated that as he was the manager of the firm, and these Chinese were merely ordinary employees under him, he did not feel justified in taking his release and leaving them behind. The authorities fully appreciated the attitude of the manager, and gave orders for the release of the Chinese concerned as soon as the offered guarantees were forwarded to military headquarters.

It was finally decided that on the closing of the Centrosojus the foreign personnel of the firm should leave Hankow and permission was given by the authorities to publish the official findings, and the proceedings generally. An application has been made for an extension of time in which to liquidate the affairs of the Centrosojus, but on what grounds and whether this application will be considered there is at present no indication.

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SUED.

DESCRIBES PLAINTIFF, AMAH
AS "TYRANT."

FORBIDDEN DOOR.

Sued by her amah for balance of wages due, Mrs. L. R. Castellian, of 2, Queen's Road Central objected to paying extra fees when judgment was entered against her in the Summary Court this morning.

The amah, Li Hoo, of 15, Elgin street, claimed \$39, being the amount of balance due for work done from November 1st, 1927, to January 13th, 1928, at the rate of \$1 per day.

When the case was mentioned the parties were called before the Judge who questioned the plaintiff to see if the claim could be settled. In view of her answers, plaintiff went into the witness-box and said she was employed by Mrs. Castellian as a wash and sew amah at one dollar a day.

Asked by Mrs. Castellian if she agreed to pay for breakages, plaintiff said she did not, whereupon Mrs. Castellian said she would have to call a witness to prove that the amah did agree to that arrangement.

Giving evidence, the defendant said she did not deny that the amah worked for 39 days.

Asked why she objected to paying the amount claimed, Mrs. Castellian said that five knives had disappeared and the amah had broken a vase which rested on a pedestal in front of a door through which the amah was forbidden to go.

In answer to further questions, defendant said that she shared the amah with another lady at first, but later employed her herself.

His Lordship said he must give judgment against Mrs. Castellian for the amount claimed and costs. Defendant objected to paying the extra fees, whereupon his Lordship said she had better save trouble and pay the amount awarded to the amah into Court.

Mrs. Castellian:—Will you please tell her not to come into my house again?

His Lordship:—Yes, if you will pay the amount into Court.

Mrs. Castellian:—I shall be glad to get rid of her. She has been a tyrant.

PRETTY WEDDING.

MISS ALYCE BRENNAN AND
MR. T. W. DOYLE.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Joseph's Church this afternoon when Miss Alyce Irene Brennan, only daughter of the late Mr. M. T. Brennan and Mrs. Brennan of Hongkong, was married to Mr. Thomas Wilfred Doyle, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Doyle of Melbourne, Australia.

The bride was dressed in a charming bouffant frock of white tulle and wore a long French veil with orange blossom. Her bouquet was of white rose buds. She was attended by Miss Robin Cotton, wearing a frock of pale green crepe de chine and silver lace and a picture hat.

The bride's mother wore a graceful frock of silver grey georgette and lace with a picture hat to match. She carried a bouquet of pink roses.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. A. F. Brennan. The best man was Mr. A. J. Evans, of H. B. & S. Consulate General, Canton.

The beauty of the simple ceremony conducted by His Lordship Monsignor Valtorta in the prettily decorated church was enhanced by the Rev. Father Rignati's delightful rendering of the nuptial music and the singing of Mrs. Sanger, who was accompanied by Mr. Braga as violinist.

After the service, the bridal party returned to the Repulse Bay Hotel.

The bride's going away costume was an ensemble in pale fawn and rose. The dress was of rose georgette and lace over which she wore a fawn coat trimmed with French embroidery.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle subsequently left for Fanling where they will spend a few days prior to their departure for Shanghai.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. Bristol West and Lancaster. 2. Death Duties, increased by nearly eight and a half millions. 3. In 1927, 216,000 slaves have the right to complete liberty if they so desire. 4. St. David's. Wales. 5. Ditch of Marlborough. Lord Howard de Walden. 6. Nelson. 7. Twenty-one. 8. \$41,550,541,000. 9. (a) Goods lost by shipwreck and found floating in the sea. (b) Goods thrown overboard to lighten cargo when the ship is in danger. (c) Goods sunk at sea with a float attached to the end. 10. When the dog is used to lead the blind, or is kept as a sheep-dog. 11. To accommodate the prisoners of the French and American wars at the end of the sixteenth and beginning of the nineteenth century. 12. Iron, being a good conductor of heat, conducts the heat from the hand quickly; wood, being a bad conductor, does not conduct nearly so much heat, and the hand remains warm. 13. A tax levied in feudal times on the holders of land in lieu of personal service as vassals.

HANKOW BRITISH
LOSSES.

POINTED QUESTIONS
ARE ASKED.

MANY STILL SAID TO BE
SUFFERING.

GOVERNMENT BLAMED.

The following letter has been received, in reply to a letter written by a Hankow man relating to the condition of affairs which led up to the mass meeting of British residents in October last:

Dear Sir,—I am desired by Mr. Chamberlain to say, in reply to your letter of the 19th October, that His Majesty's Government are fully alive to the discomforts and sufferings endured by British subjects at Hankow and while they do not contemplate the re-occupation of the ex-British Concession unless this course is absolutely forced upon them, they are keeping a close watch upon the manner in which the Chinese authorities are carrying out their part of the Hankow Agreement in its every aspect.—Yours faithfully, Douglas Veale, Private Secretary.

Whitehall, S. W. 1. 15th Dec. 1927.

The Real Point.

Commenting on the letter, the *Central China Post* says:—"The stressing of the point that the British Government will not re-occupy the concession unless they are forced to, might just as well be left out. Nobody cares two pins whether the Concession is occupied by purely British authorities, or by Chinese, provided it is certain that municipal administration is properly carried out, and practically all with experience agree that the system of outright concessions is not the most desirable when the Chinese are able to fully assume their own responsibilities."

"This being so that aspect of the situation could be dropped entirely with profit to all, but what we should like to ask Sir Austen is, when is he going to stress the fact that the British residents of Hankow having loyally obeyed the orders of the Government expressed through him are entitled to compensation for the losses they have suffered in pursuance of his policy? Outside of the banks, who are in the position to cover their losses, practically every individual British subject in Hankow has suffered direct pecuniary loss which he will have no opportunity whatever of retrieving. Many are still suffering, and are facing yet further losses."

Gift Taken Off.

"There are quite a number living in other parts of the world, who have invested all their savings in British Municipal Debentures, which, under the British Authorities, were regarded as a gilt-edged investment. The policy of Sir Austen Chamberlain has taken all the gilt off the edge, and this is a hardship which neither Sir Austen or the British Government has any right whatever to inflict. It is a direct depreciation of stock engendered solely by the action of the Government in withdrawing the status under which they were originally purchased, and for British subjects to be reduced to starvation in order to serve as an illustration of the benignity of the government, and to emphasise the philanthropy of Sir Austen Chamberlain, is, unless compensation is made, nothing short of robbery, whether you call it by the name of philanthropy or any other."

Still Paying.

"Apart from this, there was the enforced removal from Hankow which was insisted upon despite the wishes of the residents and particularly those who were satisfied that there was no danger. This removal was insisted upon by Mr. Goffe backed up by the naval authorities, and we had to pay. Some of us are still paying. It is the paramount duty of any government to protect its subjects, and if in the opinion of the government we were in danger, then it was obviously their duty to provide transport and move us. Instead of this every man with a family, unless he was in official service was agitated with the removal and the keeping of his family either in Shanghai or elsewhere, and the full costs of bringing them back, to say nothing of many other items of incidental expense incurred in pursuance of Sir Austen Chamberlain's policy. What we should like to hear from him, is not long explanations about Soviet Russia, or laudatory speeches of his actions but some definite statement as to when the Government propose to compensate the Hankow folk for the losses they have suffered and which were engendered solely by our own Government's action."

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